

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting5th March 2009

1. Title of Item/Report

Proposed Revision to Cabinet Member Portfolios

2. Record of the Decision

At its meeting held on 9th July 2008 (min C89/08 refers) Council approved changes to the Cabinet structure which saw it increase in size to nine members, and entailed the creation of two new Cabinet Portfolios combining and replacing the responsibilities previously held by the Cabinet Portfolio for Corporate & Social Inclusion.

The Portfolios for Corporate Management & Finance and Access & Communities were established and the service responsibilities previously held by the Cabinet Portfolio for Corporate & Social Inclusion were split into the two new Portfolios as appropriate.

Responsibility for the Council's Communications function sat within the Cabinet Member Portfolio for Corporate Management & Finance. However, it was considered that Communications would be best placed alongside Community Engagement & Consultation

It was therefore suggested that responsibility for Communications be moved from the Corporate Management and Finance Portfolio to the Access and Communities Portfolio

RECOMMENDED to Council that the proposed revision to the Cabinet Member Portfolios for Corporate Management & Finance and Access & Communities be approved.

3. Reasons for the Decision

Currently, responsibility for the Council's Communications function sits within the Cabinet Member Portfolio for Corporate Management & Finance. At its meeting held on 9th July 2008 (min C89/08 refers) Council approved the establishment of the Cabinet Portfolio for Access & Communities; and a number of service responsibilities previously held by the Cabinet Portfolio for Corporate & Social Inclusion were split into the

two new Portfolios for Corporate Management & Finance and Access & Communities.

This proposed revision to the responsibilities for the Council's Communications function is considered a necessary further realignment to each Portfolio in order to achieve responsibility for both Communications and Community Engagement & Consultation within the one portfolio area.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None

6. Details of any Dispensations

Not applicable

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Not applicable

Proper Officer
10 March 2009