

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting11th March 2010

1. Title of Item/Report

Progress Report on the Strategy for Change, Primary Capital Programme and the Programme Itself

2. Record of the Decision

In February 2009 Cabinet approved for consultation a revised Strategy for Change relating to the Primary School Capital Programme. This was subsequently approved and implemented by Cabinet Member and Corporate Director. It was explained that the first year of the Programme had been completed and Cabinet considered a report that outlined progress on those projects included in that year.

Cabinet noted that, in May 2009 the DCSF approved the Council's Strategy for Change and the first two years of the Programme. Allocations were for £3m in 2009/10 and £5.4m in 2010/11. Subject to approval by DCSF it was envisaged that there would be an allocation of £2.5 million each year for 12 further years.

The programme for Year 1, 2009/10 included the following schemes :-

High Clarence, new hall and other internal changes
Levendale, permanent nursery building
Preston, new nursery/foundation stage accommodation
Thornaby C of E, new nursery/foundation stage accommodation
Wolviston, new nursery/foundation stage accommodation
Mill Lane, internal adaptations.

All these schemes had completed within 2009/10 with the exception of Preston and Thornaby C of E, which would complete in August 2010 and April 2010 respectively.

Members were provided with an outline of proposed changes to the Programme for year 2 and beyond. Such changes arose as a result of feasibility studies undertaken on some of the proposed projects and unexpected variations in the demographic projections for the Borough.

Taking account of the changes, Cabinet noted the programme for years 2

and 3. It was explained that the changed proposals had been discussed with the four Diocese and Primary Headteachers and there had been general support for them.

RESOLVED that:-

1.The progress on those schemes identified for implementation in 2009/10 be noted.

2.The revised Programme for Years 2 and 3 as outlined above and in paragraph 13 of the report be approved.

3. Reasons for the Decision

In due course the Programme would be submitted to DCSF for approval to changes in year 2 and for proposals for year 3 and beyond.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

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

Not later than Midnight on Friday, 19th March 2010

Proper Officer
15 March 2010