

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting10th June 2010

1. Title of Item/Report

Supply of Primary School Places Across the Borough

2. Record of the Decision

Cabinet considered a report and addendum detailing issues surrounding the supply of primary school places across the Borough.

It was explained that between 1999 and 2009 the number of primary school pupils in the borough fell by almost 3,000. During that time the pupil capacity of many primary schools was reduced, and 1,700 places were removed in order to maintain the level of unfilled places at around 10% overall.

Members noted that the latest projections (based on January 2010 data) showed a rising trend in the number of pupils of primary school age in the borough beginning in September 2010 and continuing for at least four years.

It seemed likely that pupil numbers would rise more rapidly than projected last year. The number of applications for reception places in September 2010 was over 100 greater than projected. In some areas of the borough there would be very few vacant reception places in September. There was now a need to identify options for increasing capacity in those areas of the borough for 2011 and beyond, and to consider how those options might be funded. Members were provided with brief details of some possible options.

In all areas of the borough the number of pupils attending Catholic schools was projected to increase beyond present capacity. It would be necessary to discuss possible options with the two Catholic dioceses.

RESOLVED that the present position, that options be developed to ensure a sufficient supply of places in all areas of the Borough taking into account the availability of resources be noted and that a further report be submitted to Cabinet later in the year.

3. Reasons for the Decision

In due course changes in capacity of various schools may be required supported by the investment of funds from available grants.

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 later than Midnight on Friday, 18th June 2010

Proper Officer
14 June 2010