

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting17th February 2011

1. Title of Item/Report

PROTOCOL ON DECISIONS CONTRARY TO OFFICER
RECOMMENDATION

2. Record of the Decision

Cabinet considered a report relating to a protocol on decisions contrary to officer recommendations.

The protocol on decisions contrary to officer recommendations was introduced to give an opportunity for Members to try a new approach to decision making which allowed time for further consideration of those decisions where officers determined that there were insufficient planning grounds, or evidence, to support the Planning Committee's decision.

The protocol had been accepted subject to a review 12 months after its implementation..

Members noted that since the protocol had been agreed there had been three occasions when it has been used.

It was considered that the protocol had not removed or diluted the democratic rights of committee members to determine a decision as they thought fit but allowed further time for consideration, reflection and investigation.

The Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Transportation Councillor Cook and the Planning Committee supported the continuation of the Protocol.

RECOMMENDED that the continuation of the protocol be approved.

3. Reasons for the Decision

To comply with the findings of the Peer Report and the Service Improvement Plan in order to make a more streamlined and efficient service, consistent with the ambition and aspiration of excellence embedded into Stockton on Tees Borough Council

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
21 February 2011