STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting17th February 2011

1. <u>Title of Item/Report</u>

Learning and Development Strategy for Elected Members 2011-2015

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report that presented the revised Learning and Development Strategy for Elected Members highlighting the journey Elected Member Development had made since the original Learning and Development Strategy was agreed in 2006 and detailed the achievements gained since the authority was awarded Charter Status in 2007.

A major part of the refresh of the Learning and Development Strategy for Elected Members was the revised Induction Programme for members, which would take place following the Local Government Elections in May 2011..

Following the Local Government Elections in May 2011, there would be a number of new Councillors. It was therefore important that a robust and appropriate Learning and Development Strategy for Elected Members was established which detailed the Council's commitment to providing appropriate learning and development opportunities for all Councillors and set out the Council's approach to this. This Strategy and its commitment to Elected Member Learning and Development would be evaluated during the inspection process for Charter Plus.

The Learning and Development Strategy for Elected Members would provide members with the opportunity to gain a firmer understanding of their roles, the functions of the Council and the opportunity to engage in their on-going personal development.

A copy of the Learning and Development strategy for Elected Members 2011 – 2015 and the Induction Programme for Elected Members 2011, was provided.

RECOMMENDED to Council that Learning and Development Strategy for Elected Members 2011 – 2015 be approved

3. Reasons for the Decision

To refresh the Learning and Development Strategy for Elected Members post Local Government Elections 2011.

4. <u>Alternative Options Considered and Rejected</u>

None

5. <u>Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest</u>

None

6. <u>Details of any Dispensations</u>

Not applicable

7. <u>Date and Time by which Call In must be executed</u>

Not applicable

Proper Officer 21 February 2011