

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting7th February 2013

1. Title of Item/Report

Executive Arrangements - Meetings and Access to Information

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report that provided information of new statutory requirements which had been introduced regarding executive meetings and decisions.

The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) Meetings and Access to Information (England) Regulations 2012 (“the Regulations”) affected the arrangements for meetings and decisions of Cabinet, and of Officers when making decisions under executive powers.

The majority of the provisions in the Regulations did not affect the long standing arrangements and procedures relating to Cabinet Meetings and decisions and decisions made by Officers under executive delegated powers. However, there were certain requirements which had resulted in new or revised arrangements and procedures having to be established.

The report highlighted the changes to the following:-

- Exempt / Confidential Cabinet Reports
- Key Decisions
- Executive Decisions by Officers
- Background papers

New Criminal offences had been introduced of intentionally obstructing anyone, without reasonable excuse, from exercising their right to inspect or copy, or be provided with a copy of Cabinet agendas, reports, background papers or decision records.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

3. Reasons for the Decision

To ensure Cabinet members are aware of the new administrative

requirements relating to executive meetings and decisions.

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

Midnight on Friday, 15th February 2013

Proper Officer
11 February 2013