

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting6th November 2014

1. Title of Item/Report

Individual Electoral Registration (IER) - Update on Implementation

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report that provided an update on the implementation of Individual Electoral Registration (IER).

Further to the report to Cabinet in November 2013, the report provided a further update on implementation in respect of the three year project which had meant significant changes to how residents registered to vote requiring business systems to be remodelled, IT infrastructure and functionality updated as well as the development of a comprehensive engagement strategy.

IER went live on 10 June 2014 with all new applications to register from this date needing to be made on an individual basis with applicants supplying date of birth and national insurance number as part of their registration. Transition to the new system would run over two annual canvasses from 2014 putting in place a safeguard for the General Election in 2015 so that existing electors who fail to register under IER in 2014 were not removed from the register until after the General Election. However, they would lose their absent voting rights if they had not made a successful IER application. Under the proposals, electors would also have the ability to apply to register on-line although this service was not digital end to end.

RESOLVED that the position regarding the introduction of IER be noted.

3. Reasons for the Decision

To advise Cabinet of the implications of the introduction of IER which will require significant changes to business systems, IT infrastructure and existing interfaces with the electorate, contractors and third parties.

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, 14th November 2014

Proper Officer
10 November 2014