

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting12th November 2015

1. Title of Item/Report

DCS/DASS Assurance Statement

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report that provided Members with an updated local test of assurance that had been carried out in relation the roles of Director of Children’s Services and Lead Member – Children & Young People in compliance with Statutory Guidance. Reference was also made to the roles of Director of Adult Services and Lead Member – Adults and health. The outcome from the assurance test had indicated that the arrangements, control and scrutiny measures were sufficient to mitigate the risks identified in the statutory guidance. The assurance test had been carried out independently of the Children, Education and Social Care Service.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The outcomes from the updated assurance test be noted.
2. Should the Planning for the Future arrangements be implemented as per the proposal previously presented to Cabinet there will be no further need to annually review the assurance statement.
3. Any further assurance test would be triggered either by changes to the Statutory Guidance and/or any changes to the DCS and/or Lead Member role and function.

3. Reasons for the Decision

Authorities are required to carry out a regular test of assurance of their arrangements in relation to the Director of Children’s Services and Lead Member – Children & Young People, especially where the role(s) is/are combined with other functions.

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 20th November 2015

Proper Officer
16 November 2015