

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting18th May 2017

1. Title of Item/Report

Childcare Sufficiency Assessment 2017

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report on the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment 2017.

The report outlined how the Local Authority (LA) was meeting its duty to secure sufficient childcare and included information about the supply of and demand for childcare, details on any gaps in provision and an action plan on how they would be addressed.

The Childcare Act 2006 and 2016 and the associated statutory guidance for local authorities on Early Education and Childcare – March 2017, required Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (the Local Authority) to secure sufficient childcare, as far as was reasonably practicable, for working parents, or parents who were studying or training for employment, for children aged 0 – 14 (or up to 18 for disabled children).

The action plan set out the actions that Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council would take to deliver priorities. The detail of each action would be found in individual implementation plans held by the responsible officer/team. The action plan covered 2017 – 2018 and the implementation plans for the delivery of the specific actions identified could be found within individual team delivery plans.

The details of what local authorities needed to take into account to secure sufficient childcare places was highlighted within the report.

The Local Authority was responsible for determining the appropriate level of detail in the report, geographical division and date of publication.

In addition, the Local Authority was required by legislation to maintain a service that provided information, to parents and prospective parents on the provision of childcare in their area, as listed in Schedule 1 of the Childcare Act 2006 and from 1st September publish this information electronically on the local authority website and update it at a minimum

termly on 1st January, 1st April and 1st September.

Stockton-on-Tees had a good range of quality childcare across the borough, however specific gaps had been identified and these were detailed as key priorities for 2017.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The Childcare Sufficiency Assessment and the associated priorities for 2017-2018 be approved.
2. The Childcare Sufficiency Assessment Action Plan for 2017-2017 be approved.

3. Reasons for the Decision

The Childcare Act 2006 and 2016 and the associated statutory guidance for local authorities on Early Education and Childcare – March 2017, requires Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (the Local Authority) to secure sufficient childcare, as far as is reasonably practicable, for working parents, or parents who are studying or training for employment, for children aged 0 – 14 (or up to 18 for disabled children).

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None.

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Bob Cook declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 5 - Childcare Sufficiency Assessment as his wife was a registered child minder.

Councillor Norma Wilburn declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 5 - Childcare Sufficiency Assessment as a family member was involved in childcare.

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Midnight, 26 May 2017

Proper Officer
22 May 2017