

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting21st June 2017

1. Title of Item/Report

Children's Services Strategy 2017-2020

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report that presented the Children's Services Strategy. This non-statutory strategy set out how the Council would deliver change and improvement in children's services 2017-20, to deliver key objectives and outcomes and implement this aspect of the Council Plan.

The Strategy was designed to set out the context, role and priorities of Children's Services.

It was an evolution of the first version of the strategy reported to Cabinet in July 2016.

It had been developed to provide a clear understanding of the role and remit of Children's Services, its key priorities and how these had been identified, and the way in which Children's Services seeks to work with partners.

The strategy was attached to the report.

The following points were made in summary:

- a. The Strategy set out the vision, objectives and priorities for Children's Services;
- b. It was based on a new approach, which translated the refreshed Council Plan into service priorities and clear action;
- c. It had an explicit focus both on the WHAT and the HOW – what specific actions would be undertaken, and how it would work;
- d. It included the specific areas of focus post Ofsted inspection.

The strategy was intended to provide a clear framework for action, prioritisation which underpinned reviews, the redesign of services in some areas and which provided a context for workforce development and financial management.

RESOLVED that the Children's Services Strategy 2017-2020 be agreed.

3. Reasons for the Decision

To set out a clear strategy for Children's Services to inform delivery of the Council plan, working with partners and workforce development.

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, 30 June 2017

Proper Officer
26 June 2017