

**STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROFORMA**

Cabinet Meeting .....12th October 2017

1. Title of Item/Report

Strategic Review of Education

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report that summarised the approach and progress to date in a strategic review of the Council's education role. It set out anticipated savings to respond to the loss of Education Services Grant, and further work to be progressed.

Cabinet had considered a report in January 2017 which set out the changing context for the Council in education. It noted the need to bring a further report back to Cabinet on the proposals for 2018/19 and beyond.

A strategic review was included as one of the key priorities in the Children's Services Strategy for 2017-20, agreed at Cabinet in June 2017.

Additional work was underway in the following areas:

- a. Remodelling the approach to early years.
- b. Income generation through SSIF and TVCA.
- c. Opportunities for de-delegation of Dedicated Schools Grant

It was anticipated that this could generate an additional £500K to offset the funding gap through savings and income. Additional work was also proposed as part of the Smarter Working programme to identify additional opportunities to improve efficiency and process.

Implementation of these proposals would mean that the Council would retain:

- a. An effective, streamlined and efficiency Education Improvement Service with a well-defined core and discretionary offer, and an ability to trade competitively in Stockton and across the wider region.
- b. A reshaped and remodelled targeted approach to supporting vulnerable pupils.

It was noted that the Council had always strived to provide a service to the Borough's schools that was beneficial to them and their pupils.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The progress made on the strategic education review be noted.
2. The work undertaken to date be noted.
3. A further report be presented to Cabinet in January 2017.

3. Reasons for the Decision

In order that the Council can undertake its strategic education roles for the benefit of children and young people in Stockton, and mitigate the loss of Education Services Grant.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Norma Wilburn declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 7 - Strategic Review of Education - Update Report as she was a governor of a school detailed within the report.

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

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

Midnight, 20 October 2017

Proper Officer  
16 October 2017