

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting18th November 2021

1. Title of Item/Report

School Organisation Plan 2021

2. Record of the Decision

Cabinet were advised that although the statutory requirement to publish an annual School Organisation Plan was abolished in 2004, the Council had continued to publish an updated plan to inform schools, parents, and the public.

The Plan gave information about the number, types and sizes of schools maintained by the Council, Academies and Free Schools. It recorded the number of places available in those schools and included forecasts of pupil numbers over the next five years. This information was an important resource to support the Council in carrying out its statutory duty to ensure a sufficient supply of school places to meet the needs of children and young people in the borough.

When taken together with documents relating to the condition of school buildings and their suitability for purpose, the information in the plan may help to inform decisions about capital investment in existing or new school buildings.

Cabinet was invited to approve the draft School Organisation Plan 2021 which described two specific issues to be confronted over the next five years, namely:

- Falling numbers of four-year-olds starting school;
- The beginning of the end of increased numbers in our secondary schools.

RESOLVED that:-

1. Cabinet note the information in the draft plan;
2. Cabinet agree that the 'School Organisation Plan 2021' be published on the Council website and made available to partner

organisations.

3. Reasons for the Decision

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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 - Friday 26th November 2021

Proper Officer
22 November 2021