

**STOCKPORT COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO CABINET- SUMMARY SHEET**

**Subject: Stockport Secondary Special Free School**

**Report to Cabinet**

**Date: 28<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

**Report of: (a) Cabinet Member for Children, Family Services and Education**

**Key Decision: (b) Y**

Forward Plan  General Exception  Special Urgency  (Mark with a Y if applicable)

**Summary:**

The Borough does not have enough places for secondary students with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. In order to address the shortage of places Stockport Council submitted an Expression of Interest to the Department of Education under Wave 2 of Special Free School applications. Four Multi Academy Trusts (MATs) interested in running a Special Secondary Free school in Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council were shortlisted and interviewed by the DfE and Senior Officers from Stockport Council. Following assessments and interviews one Multi- Academy was selected to run the Secondary Special School in Stockport. (Formal announcement is awaited from the DfE). The new school will create approximately 200 places for pupils with SEND in the secondary sector. Students will be educated locally, and this represents significant savings compared to the cost of out of area SEND provision. Young people will also stay within their communities.

**Comments/Views of the Cabinet Member: (c)**

**Recommendation(s) of Cabinet Member: (d)**

Cabinet is requested to consider and comment on the information provided and approve the DfE to sponsor an approved Multi- Academy Trust to run a Secondary Special Free School in Stockport..

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee (if decision called in): (e)**

Children & Families Scrutiny Committee

**Background Papers** (if report for publication): **(f) *The free school presumption- departmental advice for local authorities and new school proposers (November 2019)***

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background papers and discussing the report

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**'Urgent Business': (g)**

**Yes/ No (Please circle)**

**Certification** (if applicable)

This report should be considered as 'urgent business' and the decision exempted from 'call-in' for the following reason(s):

The written consent of Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ and the Chief Executive/Monitoring Officer/ Borough Treasurer for the decision to be treated as 'urgent business' was obtained on /will be obtained before the decision is implemented.

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