

## STOCKPORT COUNCIL

### REPORT TO CABINET– SUMMARY SHEET

**Subject:** Stockport Council Modern Slavery Statement 2021/22

**Report to Cabinet**

**Date:** 22nd December 2020

**Report of:** (a) Councillor Tom McGee, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Resources, Commissioning & Governance

**Key Decision:** (b) **No**

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

#### **Summary:**

##### **1. Introduction and purpose of report**

- 1.1 Following the passing of a council motion, with cross-party support, in September 2018 condemning the practice of modern slavery, the council signed a Modern Slavery Charter.
- 1.2 One of the Charter's commitments was to publish a Modern Slavery Statement that sets out the measures the council has implemented to ensure its supply chains are not linked to modern slavery, as well as further measures it intends to implement.
- 1.3 The Charter also committed the council to reviewing the Modern Slavery Statement annually.
- 1.4 Stockport Council's first Modern Slavery Statement was published in April 2019 and included a range of actions for both Stockport Council and our procurement partner, STAR Procurement.
- 1.5 The Modern Slavery Statement was reviewed in the summer and autumn of 2020.
- 1.6 This report therefore presents the second iteration of the Stockport Council Modern Slavery Statement, to cover the period up to 31st March 2022, and seeks committee's approval to adopt that refreshed statement.

##### **2. Review process**

2.1 The review consisted of the following:

- Consultation with action owners (in the council and STAR Procurement) on implementation of actions in the 2019/20 iteration of the statement and on any additional activity required.
- An audit of the statement and its implementation carried out by the council's Internal Audit service.

2.2 The findings of the review were used to produce an updated version of the statement. It includes a new set of actions to be implemented by 31st March 2022.

2.3 The statement was endorsed by Corporate, Resource Management & Governance Scrutiny Committee on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

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

Lead Cabinet Member introduced and endorsed the Modern Slavery Statement at the CRMG Scrutiny Committee meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

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

Cabinet is asked to:

- Consider the draft updated Modern Slavery Statement (which accompanies this report), which will run to 31st March 2022.
  - Subject to any necessary amendments identified by Cabinet, approve the Modern Slavery Statement for publication in January 2021.
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**Relevant Scrutiny Committee (if decision called in): (e)**

Corporate, Resource Management & Governance Scrutiny Committee

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**Background Papers: (f) None**

Contact person for accessing  
background papers and discussing the report

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**'Urgent Business': (g) No****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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