

STOCKPORT COUNCIL

REPORT TO CABINET– SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: PROPOSAL FOR SHARED SERVICE FOR EARLY YEARS EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT

Report to Cabinet

Date: 28 June 2022

Report of: (a) Cabinet Member for Children, Families & Education

Key Decision: (b) Yes

Forward Plan

General Exception

Special Urgency

(Mark with a Y if applicable)

Summary:

To share for approval a proposal for shared leadership for the early years functions of the School Improvement Teams across Stockport and Tameside Councils.

Comments/Views of the Cabinet Member: (c)

Following collaborative assessment of the current structures, the roles currently in place across Tameside and Stockport, and skills and experience within the teams, there is a clear opportunity to share expertise at a strategic level across the 2 organisations. Whilst the leadership will be shared, both Local Authorities will still have dedicated early years teams and will be independent in their approach to delivery suited to local people and their needs.

Recommendation(s) of Cabinet Member: (d)

The Cabinet is recommended to endorse the proposal to move to a shared appointment of three Shared Service Leadership roles. These roles are to be full year, and will be initially delivered as a 12 month arrangement with robust evaluation of outcomes to inform future direction.

The new proposed roles are as follows:

- Principal role – Head of Early Years Education (Shared Service) Stockport are host employer
- PVI Lead (Shared Service) – Tameside Host employer
- School based Lead (Shared Service) – Stockport Host employer

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

Children & Families

Background Papers (if report for publication): (f)

Contact person for accessing 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.
