

**REPORT TO: CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND EDUCATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**DATE: 14 JUNE 2023**

**REPORT OF: CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF PEOPLE AND INTEGRATION**  
**REPORT TITLE: PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES – DRAFT**  
**PORTFOLIO AGREEMENT 2023/24**

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## **1. Introduction and Purpose**

- 1.1 Policy priorities for 2023/24 were set out within the Council Plan, which was adopted at the Budget Council Meeting in February. This incorporates the shared outcomes from the Borough Plan alongside specific priorities of the Cabinet. These priorities are articulated within the Portfolio Agreements, which form the basis for regular in-year reporting.
- 1.2 The Agreements have been aligned with new Cabinet Portfolio Responsibilities agreed at Annual Council in May. Work has since been undertaken to review and update portfolio priorities in conjunction with the new Cabinet, and these are presented to the first available Scrutiny cycle for comment.
- 1.3 Portfolio and Performance and Resource Reports (PPRRs) will assess progress against key objectives, priorities, outcomes and budgets, enabling Scrutiny Committees to hold the Cabinet to account and for the Cabinet to identify current and future risks to delivery.
- 1.4 This report presents the draft 2023/24 Agreement for the Children, Families and Education Portfolio for consideration and comment by the Committee.

## **2. Content of Portfolio Agreement**

- 2.1 The Children, Families and Education Portfolio includes the following areas of responsibility:

*Fostering & Adoption; Children's Social Work Teams; Foster Care & Residential Placements; Services for Young People; Children with a Disability; Children's Centres; Early Intervention Services; Safeguarding; Youth Offending; School Improvement; School Organisation & Governance; Home to School Transport & Travel Passes; Early Years; 14-19 Services; SEN Support Services & Psychology; School Admissions.*

- 2.2 Following consideration and comment by Scrutiny, final versions of the Portfolio Agreements will be presented to the Cabinet for approval on 27 June 2023 and Portfolio Dashboards will be updated ahead of the Mid-Year Reports to the November Scrutiny Cycle.

### **3. Recommendations**

Scrutiny Committee is asked to review and comment on the draft Portfolio Agreement.

#### **Further Information:**

- Council Plan 2023/24 - approved at Council Budget Meeting 23/02/2023
- 2023/24 Cabinet Revenue Budget and Capital Programme - also approved at Council Budget Meeting

Both available via the following link;

<https://democracy.stockport.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=140&MId=28355&Ver=4>

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