

**STOCKPORT COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO CABINET- SUMMARY SHEET**

**Subject:** Schools Strategy

**Report to Cabinet**

**Date:** 19/09/2023

**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:**

There has been much debate in the past decade about the role of local authorities within the school system. We need a strategy which moves past this debate and defines confidently the role of the Local Authority within the Stockport schools system.

We know that the role of the Local Authority has changed over the past decade, as have the challenges we face. In order to be confident in our leadership we must develop a strategy that builds on our many strengths, responds to the national academies programme and addresses the challenges we face.

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

I am pleased to recommend the Schools Strategy and the six priorities identified in the report.

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

Cabinet is asked to: -

1. Agree the Schools Strategy outlined in Appendix One of this reporting, noting the 6 priorities identified in it
2. Agree the success measures identified in the Strategy and agree that an annual update will be provided on its delivery

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

Children and 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.

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