

STOCKPORT COUNCIL

REPORT TO CABINET– SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Stockport Council Modern Slavery Statement 2023/24 - Review and Refresh

Report to Cabinet

Date: 19th September 2023

Report of: (a) Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources

Key Decision: (b) *N*

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

Summary:

This report briefly outlines the latest review of Stockport Council's Modern Slavery Statement (2022/23) and presents the refreshed iteration of the Statement (2023/24) for Cabinet's comment and approval.

Comments/Views of the Cabinet Member: (c)

This is the third review of the policy that was published first in April 2019, with cross party support. Stockport MBC are ahead of the standard, as local authorities are yet to be required to publish such a statement.

The draft statement was considered at the CRM&G Scrutiny Committee on 5 September 2023 and a recommendation was made that training in relation to Modern Slavery, the Modern Slavery Charter and the Council's Modern Slavery Statement be included in the Member Training Programme. This will be actioned as part of the 2023/24 Member Training Programme and will be included going forward – an action outlining this proposed activity was added to the statement following the Scrutiny meeting.

Recommendation(s) of Cabinet Member: (d)

I recommend this policy is approved; it is important not only for the council organisation but also for our dealings with suppliers and other bodies.

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

Corporate, Resource Management & Governance

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

Contact person for accessing background papers and discussing the report

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'Urgent Business': (g) *No*