

**STOCKPORT COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO CABINET– SUMMARY SHEET**

**Subject:** Cabinet Response to the Growth in Free School Meals Scrutiny Review

**Report to Cabinet**

**Date:** 5 December 2023

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

**Key Decision:** (b) N

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

**Summary:**

The purpose of the report is to set out the Cabinet's response to the Children & Families Scrutiny Committee's scrutiny review in relation to the growth of free schools meals, the final report for which was received by the Cabinet in March 2023.

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

I endorse the proposed response for the Cabinet's approval and would like to place on record the excellent work undertaken by the Scrutiny Review Panel on this piece of work and to others involved in this review.

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

The Cabinet is invited to endorse and adopt the response set out in the report.

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

Children & Families Scrutiny Committee

**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 (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.

AGENDA ITEM