

REPORT TO: CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND EDUCATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

DATE: 12 JUNE 2024

REPORT OF: CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF PEOPLE AND INTEGRATION
REPORT TITLE: PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES – DRAFT
PORTFOLIO AGREEMENT 2024/25

1. Introduction and Purpose

- 1.1 Policy priorities for 2024/25 were set out within the Council Plan 2024-27, 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 the seven cabinet portfolio responsibilities. Work has since been undertaken to review and update portfolio priorities in conjunction with portfolio holders, 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 2024/25 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 25 June 2024 and Portfolio Dashboards will be updated ahead of the Mid-Year Reports in the November 2024 Scrutiny Cycle and again, ahead of the Year-End Reports in the June 2025 Scrutiny Cycle.

3. Recommendations

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

Further Information:

- Council Plan 2024-27 - approved at Council Budget Meeting 22/02/2024
- 2023/24 Cabinet Revenue Budget and Capital Programme - also approved at Council Budget Meeting

Both available via the following link:

[Agenda for Council Meeting on Thursday, 22nd February, 2024, 6.00 pm - Stockport Council](#)

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