

STOCKPORT COUNCIL

REPORT TO CABINET– SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Stockport Skills Plan

Report to Cabinet

Date: 05 November 2024

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

Key Decision: (b) Y

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

Summary:

Our One Future Plan is clear "Stockport is an ambitious place undergoing a spectacular transformation". However, we are "not immune from the big challenges of our times. The life chances of too many of our children are determined by where they live and Stockport is ageing more quickly than any other borough in Greater Manchester. It is also a borough that is becoming more diverse."

This Skills Plan is vital to achieving our One Stockport Ambitions, it sets out our overarching vision, ambition and priorities for our skills system for the next three years. It is a partnership plan with a shared borough-wide vision and shared ambitions which can only be achieved through harnessing the skills, knowledge and shared resources across services in the public, private and third sector.

The plan reflects the shared partnership priorities from our One Stockport Borough Plan and One Stockport: One Future; and is aligned with other key strategy documents including the Stockport Council Plan, Stockport Economic Plan and Stockport Schools Strategy. Our partnership wide commitment to a have a relentless focus on 'fair and inclusive' – making 'Stockport a great, diverse place to live, where everyone can thrive' runs through the plan. Moreover, the plan seeks to develop and implement Greater Manchester's ambitions through local delivery, putting Stockport at the forefront of their broader GM Skills Plan.

This Skills Plan is key to securing to a more productive, sustainable, inclusive, and diverse local economy that is growing and which benefits everyone.

The five big ambitions are:

- 1. The Best Schools in the Country with everyone included in their success**
- 2. The Best Post 16 offer**
- 3. The Best Support for Businesses**
- 4. The Best Place to Work**
- 5. Everyone Ready to Work**

Comments/Views of the Cabinet Member: (c)

I endorse the Stockport Skills Plan and its five ambitions.

Recommendation(s) of Cabinet Member: (d)

That Cabinet endorse the plan and agree that:

- A detailed annual delivery plan is produced that sets targets, actions and milestones for delivery of the plan.
- An index of the indicators identified in this plan to track progress and act accordingly is produced.
- Officers maintain a productive partnership of stakeholders.
- Officers working to align the Skills Plan priorities to any emerging funding opportunities created by central government and other funding agencies.

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)

~~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.
