

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting17th December 2020

1. Title of Item/Report

Final Report of the Children and Young People Select Committee -
Scrutiny Review of the Cost of School Uniform

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to the final report that presented the outcome of the Children & Young People Select Committee review of the Cost of School Uniform.

Members expressed support for sharing the findings with all schools, reinforced at appropriate forums such as the Head Teachers forum and suggested the Council's Governing Body Section be enlisted to facilitate this task.

RESOLVED that:-

1.) Academy Trusts and Governing Bodies of Stockton Schools be asked to review their school uniform policies as a matter of urgency in consultation with parents and children taking account of the DfE advice to give the highest priority to cost and, in particular:

„«-Keeping items of branded uniform to a minimum

„«-Avoiding the use of specified suppliers

„«-Avoiding different requirements for different year groups

„«-Avoiding the compulsory use of children's initials on uniform items

2. School governing bodies and leadership teams review the support they provide to families struggling to meet uniform costs taking account of the ideas and initiatives in place across Stockton schools gathered as part of this scrutiny exercise;

3).All support provided by schools be clearly published on school websites alongside their uniform policies;

4. Improved co-ordination/ signposting of community and school-based support is co-ordinated through the new Community Partnerships;

5. The Government is urged to pass legislation to put the DfE best practice guidance on a statutory footing and support is sought from local MPs towards this end.

6. The findings from the scrutiny review and the best practice from the school survey be shared with all Stockton Schools and reinforced at appropriate forums.

3. Reasons for the Decision

This topic was included in the Scrutiny Work Programme for 2019/20. The review is now complete and the recommendations have been endorsed by the Children and Young People Select Committee for submission to Cabinet.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None

6. Details of any Dispensations

None

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Midnight - Tuesday 29th December 2020

Proper Officer
22 December 2020