

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting23rd June 2022

1. Title of Item/Report

Final Report of the Children and Young People Select Committee -
Scrutiny Review of Child Poverty

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report that outlined the outcomes of the
Scrutiny Review of Child Poverty.

The overall aim of the review was to gain an insight and understand the
specific issues relating to child poverty. The Select Committee had
considered evidence from North East Child Poverty Commission, Council
Officers, SDAIS, Catalyst, TEWV, 0-19 Service Harrogate and District
NHS Foundation Trust and Thrive.

RESOLVED that:-

1. A family poverty profile be compiled and updated annually from
available data and input from those with lived experience and is used to
identify a key priority for targeted action each year; an initial focus being
take up of Free School Meals for those eligible and in need.
2. Support be offered to families in poverty is enhanced through:
 - a. A more integrated and visible offer for families experiencing
poverty focusing on information, advice, financial and other support
 - b. Roll out of Poverty Proofing the School Day across all Stockton
Schools
 - c. Establishing a mutual aid/ giving scheme, in partnership with
Catalyst, to facilitate community giving
 - d. Ensuring an enhanced support offer is available for communities
and areas targeted through the Fairer Stockton-on-Tees Framework
3. Specific interventions be put in place focusing on:
 - a. Healthy Food through the delivery of cooking and budgeting skills
in schools, linked to Healthy Schools
 - b. Help with energy costs through warm energy schemes/ credits etc.
 - c. Digital inclusion for all children including schemes to re-use
redundant laptops and roll out of skills training and family learning

4. Subject to funding, a direct payments scheme be developed for those identified as in need, building on the examples of vouchers during the pandemic.

5. All subsidy policies are reviewed and revised as appropriate to provide streamlined and enhanced support for families.

3. Reasons for the Decision

This topic was included in the Scrutiny Work Programme for 2021/22. 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

N/A

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

Midnight Friday 1 July 2022

Proper Officer
27 June 2022