

Efficiency, Improvement and Transformation

School Catering EIT Review - Scope

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Select Committee: Corporate, Adult Services and Social Inclusion Select Committee	Type of Review: Scrutiny Review
1. What services are included? Provisions of school meals to all 60 Primary Schools, two secondary schools and three special needs schools, including breakfast clubs.	
2. The Thematic Select Committee's / EIT Project Team overall aim / objectives in doing this work is: To identify options for future strategy/policy/service provision.	
3. Expected duration of enquiry? What are the key milestones? June 2010 – January 2011 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of Project Plan – 15 June 2010 • Initial base line and challenge – By end July 2010 • Options appraisal – 14 September 2010 • Recommendations for change – 7 December 2010 • Final Agreement by Select Committee – 18 January 2011 • Submission to Cabinet – 15 March 2011 	

4. In addition to analysis and benchmarking costs, performance, assets etc, what other processes are likely to be required to inform the review? (e.g. site visits; observations; face-to-face questioning, telephone survey, written questionnaire, co-option of expert witnesses etc).

Site Visits – Primary, Secondary, Breakfast Club provision, other schools (not catered for through SBC)

Possible questionnaire – To parents/children to complement any existing feedback, including feedback from parents/children opting out of school meals (if necessary).

Parent consultation via in school parents evenings

Pupil consultation via pupil Focus Groups already in place.

Trade Unions and catering employees - consultation throughout the process.

5. How will key partners and/or the public be involved and at what stages?

PCT – evidence to Committee – links to Obesity Strategy.

Consultation with Head Teachers and Governing Bodies.

Healthy Schools Team – evidence to Committee.

Stockton Borough Council Procurement – engage with SBC Corporate Procurement during baseline and options stage. The section continually tests the market looking for best value food and supplies needed to deliver the service. During the options stage, depending on the outcomes, if the service delivery is altered, this will have a significant impact on current contracts in place.

School Foods Trust - the School Food Trust is charged with helping all stakeholders to ensure that young people eat better food at school, and has set objectives to achieve this agenda.

The School Food Trust will be used throughout the process to access information from nationwide Local Authorities, for benchmarking data.

Trade Unions consultation throughout the process.

Catering employees - the section has a workforce group, with members from across all front line staff. This group is the main link to report to all other front line operational employees.

6. Please give an initial indication how transformation will enable efficiencies and improvements to be delivered by this EIT review?

- Increasing take up of school meals.
- Increasing take up of school meals thereby improving health.
- Making school meals more affordable.
- Development of a clear non payment policy.
- Improving food skills through food education and community initiatives within schools.
- Reduce diet related inequalities through school based activities and meal promotion.