LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN

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REPORT TITLE

School Meals Delivery in Schools

REPORT OF

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FOR SUBMISSION TO

Schools Forum

DATE

13 September 2023

SUMMARY OF REPORT

Camden Council reported to Schools Forum in February 2023 concerning the development of the School Meals contract.

This paper sets out the Council's current position with regard to the future of school meals delivery and the range of options available to the Council.

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RECOMMENDATION

The Schools' Forum is asked to note the current position and the timeline of activity over the next period.

Signed:

Date: 5 September 2023

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1 Summary

This paper sets out the commercial considerations and approach for the Council in relation to the delivery of food in schools and as such is considered in part two of this item.

2. Legal Implications (comments from the Borough Solicitor)

Any potential contract award will comply with the PCR 2015 and CSOs. CSOs require that the Executive Director makes the Decision to award.

3. Environmental Impacts

There are none.

4. Financial Comments

- 4.1 The full cost of the service is financed by schools through a combination of charges to parents for paid meals and funding of free meals from their delegated budget. Schools are charged as per the invoiced number of meals by the contractor.
- 4.2 Schools have autonomy on the use of their budgets with the Council having a duty to assist them in securing value for money for their contracted services. As a result, the Council through its procurement processes allows schools to have access to contracts at competitively tendered price and quality.
- 4.3 Schools can be varied into or out of the contract by giving a reasonable notice.

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