LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN

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REPORT TITLE

School Meals Delivery in Schools Update

REPORT OF

Head of Education Commissioning and School Organisation

FOR SUBMISSION TO

Schools Forum

DATE

6 February 2024

SUMMARY OF REPORT

Camden Council has regularly reported to Schools Forum concerning the ongoing consideration of future School Meals contract.

The following presentation sets out the Council's current consideration of future school meals delivery within the Borough and the range of options available to the Council.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

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

Signed:

Date: 30 January 2024

1 Summary

This following presentation sets out the approach for the Council in relation to the delivery of food in schools.

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

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.

5. Appendices

Appendix 1 – School Meal Arrangements Presentation

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