

## Record of Delegated Executive Decision(s)

### 1. Subject of decision

\*Schools Service Level Agreement (SLA)

### 2. Name and Title of Decision Maker

Mark Longstaff, Director of Commissioning and Asset Management

### 3. Details of any Conflict of Interest and any Dispensation granted in respect of such Interest

None

### 4. Executive summary (taken from written report)

The Authority has long-term Service Level Agreements (SLAs) to deliver services to schools both in and outside of the Borough on a range of services.

For a long time, Catering Services have held a number of SLAs with individual schools both inside and outside of the Borough for the provision of school meals. Over the past 3 years however due to inflationary pressures and schools not renewing their catering SLAs, the income generated across the remaining SLAs does not meet the cost of running the Schools Catering Service.

\*This report seeks approval to cease, with effect from 31 March 2024, the Schools Catering Service and to terminate the remaining catering SLAs with those schools who have continued to contract with the Authority.

## 5. Alternative Options considered

Continue to fund the shortfall in income. This would cost the Authority approximately £3m per annum increasing with inflationary costs.

## 6. Decision(s)

\*The Director of Commissioning and Asset Management approved the cessation of the Catering service level agreement to schools to take effect from 31 March 2024.

## 7. Reasons for the Decision(s)

Cessation of the service will ensure that budgetary pressure the Authority faces are minimised.

## 8. Date Decision Made

22 November 2023

## 9. Is this decision subject to call-in and if so expiry date of call-in period

Yes, the call-in period expires at 5.00pm on 29 November 2023

## 10. Date of Publication

22 November 2023

## 11. Implementation Date (if decision not called in)

After 5.00pm on 29 November 2023

\*Note: the report in relation to the above decision is not for publication by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).