



AUTHORISATION OF SPECIAL URGENCY DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY CABINET

1. Date of Cabinet meeting

4th November 2020

2. Report of (Portfolio Holder)

Councillor Ian Lindley, Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Young People

3. Subject and/or details of matter (Please attach a copy of the report)

Free School Meals October 2020

The report outlines the Council's pledge in respect of providing support to those vulnerable young people and families who have a current entitlement to Free School Meals (FSM), over the October half term period.

4. Details of Decision Required

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Cabinet supports the pledge to families, which will provide all young people who have a current entitlement to Free School Meals, with financial support of a one-off financial commitment of £10.00 each over the October half term period.
2. That authority is given to the Director of Children and Family Services, in consultation with the Director of Resources and Governance, to ensure that the Council's commitment to our most vulnerable young people is progressed.

3. Cabinet further authorises the Director for Children and Family Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Young People and the Director of Resources and Governance to explore and implement any further support packages throughout the current academic year.

5. Reasons for Urgency

We are in unprecedented times and so many families have been impacted by COVID-19. As a Local Authority we are seeking to collectively support our most vulnerable families, the recommendations in this report offer that support.

The signatories below agree that this matter be considered as urgent business at the above mentioned meeting of Cabinet, and therefore not subject to the call-in mechanism.

6. Leader/Deputy Leader (in the Leader's absence):

Name: Councillor Philip Jackson

Title: Leader of the Council

Signed: Approved via email

Dated: 30th October 2020

7. Chair of the relevant Scrutiny Panel:

Name: Councillor Oliver Freeston

Title: Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Chair

Signed: Approved via email

Date: 2nd November 2020

APPENDIX 1 – EMAIL APPROVAL

From: Cllr Oliver Freeston (NELC) <Oliver.Freeston@nelincs.gov.uk>
Sent: 02 November 2020 09:20
To: Sharon Wroot (NELC) <Sharon.Wroot@nelincs.gov.uk>; Cllr Philip Jackson (NELC) <philip.jackson@nelincs.gov.uk>
Cc: Democracy <Democracy@nelincs.gov.uk>; Joanne Hewson (NELC) <Joanne.Hewson@Nelincs.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Item of Urgent Business for 4th November Cabinet

Dear Sharon

I am prepared to support this too.

Kind Regards

Oliver

From: Cllr Philip Jackson (NELC) <philip.jackson@nelincs.gov.uk>
Sent: 30 October 2020 14:28
To: Sharon Wroot (NELC) <Sharon.Wroot@nelincs.gov.uk>; Cllr Oliver Freeston (NELC) <Oliver.Freeston@nelincs.gov.uk>
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Subject: RE: Item of Urgent Business for 4th November Cabinet

Hi Sharon

I'm content to support.

Kind regards

Philip

Good afternoon both

We are seeking your permission to take an item of urgent business to Cabinet on 4th November relating to provision of Free School Meals during half term (and retrospectively if required), the report is attached along with the form MO2, which requires your signature/approval.

The monitoring officer has indicated that an email approval is sufficient to allow the item, so please can you let me know by email if you are supportive of this request. Joanne has kept the PFH up to date and will share/brief him prior to Cabinet.

Any queries, please let myself or Joanne know.

Thanks in advance

Sharon

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