

Children & Young People Scrutiny Commission

Item No

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Item 7 - Free School Meals (Childhood Food Poverty)

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Outline

In response to growing levels of childhood poverty and the ongoing cost of living crisis, the Commission undertook a number of site visits to local primary and secondary schools to assess what can be done to develop and extend free school meal provision and the broader work of schools to address childhood food poverty.

The Commission heard evidence from a number of local head teachers and questioned local officers at its meeting in October 2022 and has produced a short summary of its findings from this work. It is hoped that these findings will inform the work of the childhood food poverty task force established by the Deputy Mayor and Cabinet member for Education, Young People and Children's Social Care.

Reports

- Letter to Deputy Mayor and Cabinet member for Education, Young People and Children's Social Care.