

<b>Children &amp; Young People Scrutiny Commission</b> <b>September 14th 2023</b> <b>Item 5 - Free School Meals and Tackling Food Poverty in Schools</b>	Item No <b>5</b>
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#### Outline

In October 2022, the Commission discussed Free School Meal provision and how schools were helping to address childhood food poverty in Hackney. From this meeting the Commission agreed on a number of recommendations sent in a [letter](#) to the Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education, Young People and Children's Social Care to inform the planned summit and task force to address childhood food poverty.

On the 1st August 2023, the Council published the outcomes of the childhood food poverty summit, including the publication of a [report](#) which sets out local priorities and plans to address this issue across Hackney.

In February 2023, the [Mayor of London announced](#) that £130m of funding would be provided to allow all primary school children in London to receive free school meals for a one year period from September 2024.

Members of the Commission are asked to note the Hackney Council report *Tackling Food Poverty in Education*, and agree how they may wish to follow up this work in the current work programme in light of the Mayor of London's announcement.