

# School Meals Arrangements

Schools Forum  
5<sup>th</sup> December 2023



# Current central contract

- 38 primary, 3 secondary and 3 special schools opt-in to the centrally arranged contract
- LB Camden contract with Caterlink expires March 2025
- Annual value £3.4m
- Price per meal £2.65 primary in 2023/24
- 2024/25 prices being negotiated – to reflect food inflation, pay inflation, changes to meals volumes – to be effective from 1st April 2024.

# Future service delivery models (1)

- Food Mission - part of We Make Camden: *“By 2030, everyone eats well every day with nutritious, affordable, sustainable food”*
- School meals contribute significantly to that mission.
- Executive to decide April 2024, informed by schools’ views
- Models under consideration:
  1. *Insourced delivery with strategic partnership*
    - Legal advice commissioned to clarify TUPE and other issues
    - Would require strategic partnership with another LA delivering in-house to provide catering expertise and food supply chain

# Future service delivery models (2)

## 2. *Re-procured service*

- Contract length
- Evaluation criteria – price, quality, social value
- Changes to specification
- Extra focus on measurable KPIs

# School input into decision-making

- Reference group to steer and advise on wider engagement
- Ideally one session before Christmas – to update on legal position
- Substantive engagement about future model in the new year