

Key items discussed and agreed at ESCC management group meeting, 11 October 2018

This is an informative for all schools who buy into the school meals contract with Harrison Catering via the Ealing Schools Catering Consortium. It is intended to provide all consortium members with the headlines and key items discussed and agreed at the ESCC Management Group meeting which took place on 11 October 2018.

- The Harrison trading account for 2017/18 has been agreed and consortium schools will shortly be receiving confirmation of their individual trading performance.
- The consortium accounts are operating at a deficit. This is largely attributed to the fall in UIFSM grant funding from the DfE which has dropped from the allocation in 2017/18
- GY5 consultants have been engaged to undertake a review of the school meals services and provided a presentation on this assessment, which included feedback received across a range of areas. A copy of GY5's report, summarising these points, was tabled as part of the item. Harrison confirmed they had already prepared an action plan targeting level of engagement of individual schools.
- It was confirmed that Cypad had been acquired by ParentPay and following the acquisition Harrison have been in meetings with ParentPay around how the ESCC platform will transition to be part of the Parentpay system. Further updates to be communicated in due course.
- Adam Whalley has taken up a position elsewhere within the Local Authority and the position of Contract Manager has now been taken on by Richard Sims.
- Harrison are currently restructuring central team to introduce two new Support Chef roles (within the existing labour budget and so at no net additional cost). This will result in increased levels of craft development support 'on the ground' and Harrison will also have more scope to deliver more pupil food workshops.