

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
Date of Decision:	18 January 2012
Decision Title:	School Meal Prices from April 2012
Decision Reference:	3593
Report From:	Director of Children's Services

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. The purpose of this paper is to provide the information required by the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services in order to agree the price of school meals from April 2012.
- 1.2. This paper provides a very brief update to the more detailed paper presented last year.

2. Background information

- 2.1. Each year the Executive Member is asked to review the price of free school meals (it does not need to be so but in Hampshire this has been taken as the price of a school meal) and consider if an increase should be applied.
- 2.2. Historically, Hampshire has applied the same price to paid meals in primary and secondary schools.
- 2.3. In April 2011 no increase was applied for the second year. This was possible in spite of the costs associated with the improved food and nutritional content of the meal and general cost pressures on catering services because of a steady recovery in the number of pupil meals taken.

Year	April 2006	April 2007	April 2008	April 2009	April 2010	April 2011
New price	£1.70	£1.80	£1.90	£2.00	£2.00	£2.00

- 2.4. In Hampshire, the County Council does not subsidise the cost of school meals.

2.5. The school meals service plays an important role in the development of 'healthy eating' and supports the local economic development agenda.

3. Performance in 2011/12

3.1 Since September the take up of pupils' school meals has reached record high levels. In October the number of meals delivered was fully 10% higher than in October 2010. Nearly 39% of primary school pupils take an H3CS meal every day. By the end of the year in excess of 6 million meals will have been served.

3.2 The increased take up of meals is coming from within existing school customers rather than an increase in the number of schools using H3CS.

4. Financial Implications

4.1 There are no financial implications for 2012/13.

5. Recommendation

5.1 That the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services agrees that the price of school meals is maintained at the current level of £2.00 per meal from April 2012 for a fourth consecutive year.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Corporate Strategy**

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	Yes
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	
Maximising well-being:	Yes
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	
Enhancing our quality of place:	No
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	
OR	
This proposal does not link to the Corporate Strategy but, nevertheless, requires a decision because:	

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Date</u>
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
None	

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equalities Impact Assessment:

1.1. No impact

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

2.1. No impact

3. Climate Change:

a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

No impact

b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

No impact