

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Adult Social Care
Date:	29 June 2012
Title:	Community Meals Service
Reference:	3921
Report From:	Director of Adult Services

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1. The decision:

- a) That the Executive Member for Adult Social Care gives approval to go out to tender for a new service model for meals on wheels with total contract value of up to £7.908 million which represents the regeneration, delivery costs and the cost of the frozen meal for a 5 year contract based on 3 years+1+1 period.
- b) That the Executive Member for Adult Social Care gives approval for a procurement process for a volunteer led Meals Support Service to begin in 2012 with the new service implemented for a one year pilot from April 2013, at a cost of £55,000 for management and hosting.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. The new service model for meals on wheels and the new volunteer led Meals Support Service (together called the Community Meals Service) will form an integral part of the prevention and early intervention programme of the department.
- 2.2. In order to remove all the inconsistencies and anomalies in the present service there is a need to implement a new service specification for meals on wheels as part of a wider Community Meals Service The new meals on wheels service will provide a consistent service across the county, available to older people over 55 years of age, including those who meet Adult Social Care eligibility criteria.
- 2.3. The volunteer led Meals Support Service would enable the experience and skills of local volunteers to be used to provide the social and community aspects of food and meal times. They would provide the links back into the local community and promote the independence of older people.

2.4. The Eating well-living well Community Nutrition Strategy for Older People 2011-2014, provides the context for these changes. It highlights the growing need to address malnutrition and dehydration amongst older people living in their own homes and the social and communal aspects of eating.

2.5. The Community Meals Service will support older people to live independently at home for as long as possible with a positive quality of life and supports the aims and objectives of the Ageing well in Hampshire Older People's Well-Being strategy, 2011- 2014.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. Continue to provide meals on wheels in its current format

3.2. Withdraw from meals on wheels service in the county

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None

5. Dispensation granted by the Standards Committee: none.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:

Date:

29 June 2012

**Executive Member for Adult Social Care
Councillor Felicity Hindson**