

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Adult Social Care
Date:	17 January 2017
Title:	Proposed Price Increase – Meals on Wheels
Reference:	8051
Report From:	Director of Adults' Health and Care

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1. The decision:

1.1. That the Executive Member for Adult Social Care approves a price increase for Meals on Wheels to £4.55 per meal from 1 April 2017.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

2.1. The Adults' Health and Care Department are required to deliver a saving target of £43.1m as part of the Transformation to 2017 programme as stated in the October 2015 Cabinet report "Transformation to 2017 - Revenue Savings proposals". To help meet this challenge it is proposed to increase the price paid by customers who are in receipt of the Meals on Wheels service.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. The option of ceasing the service entirely was rejected on the grounds that such an approach would have an impact on some peoples' ability to manage and maintain nutrition.
- 3.2. The option of charging more than the proposed 60 pence increase was rejected. This was informed by the questionnaire feedback that was received. 65% of people that completed the questionnaire said that an increase of £1.55 would lead to them purchasing fewer meals or having to source their meals from elsewhere. 81% of people that completed the questionnaire stated that an increase of £2.55 would lead to them purchasing fewer meals or having to source their meals from elsewhere.
- 3.3. The option to do nothing was discarded as the department has to manage increasing demand for care services and greater complexity of needs within a limited budget.

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: none.

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

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:

Date:

17 January 2017

**Executive Member for Adult Social Care
Councillor Liz Fairhurst**