

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Education
<b>Date:</b>	22 January 2014
<b>Title:</b>	School Meal Prices from April 2014
<b>Reference:</b>	5533
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Children's Services

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#### 1. The decision:

That the Executive Member for Education agrees that the price of school meals be maintained at the current level of £2.00 per meal from April 2014, for a sixth consecutive year.

#### 2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 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 Hampshire, the County Council does not subsidise the cost of school meals.
- 2.4. The school meals service provides healthy meals. Good nutrition plays a vital role in enabling pupils to perform well in school. The service also encourages the healthy eating habits which are essential to combat child obesity; the latest figures indicate that 1 in 3 children are overweight or obese by the time they leave primary school. By sourcing local ingredients wherever possible the service supports the local economic development agenda.
- 2.5. In April 2013 no increase was applied for the fourth successive 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.

#### 3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. None

**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 Conduct Advisory Panel:**

None

**6. Conflicts of interest:**

None.

**7. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: none**

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

**9. Statement from the Decision Maker:**

<b>Approved by:</b>  -----  <b>Executive Member for Education Councillor Peter Edgar</b>	<b>Date:</b>  <b>22 January 2014</b>
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