

MEALS ON WHEELS MEAL PRICE 2005/06

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Cabinet approval to set the New Forest District Council Meals on Wheels meal price for 2005/2006 at £2.70. This is an increase of 10 pence.
- 1.2 Hampshire County Council have set the 2005/06 "County price" for Meals on Wheels at £2.70, effective from 5th April 2005.

2. Financial Implications

- 2.1 An increase of 10 pence in the price of Meals on Wheels to recipients has been included in the 2005/06 budget for NFDC. Based on the current number of meals provided (approximately 63,500 per year) this would yield an additional £ 6,350 per year. However as the net cost of the service is split 50/50 with the County, the additional net income to NFDC would be £3,175 for the year.

3. Environmental Implications

- 3.1 There are no direct environmental implications arising from this report.

4. Crime and Disorder Implications

- 4.1 There are no crime and disorder implications arising from this report.

5. Review Panel comments

- 5.1 The Housing, Health and Social Inclusion Review Panel 16th March 2005, agreed that the price should be increased to £ 2.70 for 2005/06.
- 5.2 The Review Panel felt that there should be consultation with Hampshire County Council to agree a more strategic, longer term basis for setting the Meals on Wheels price for future years.

6. Portfolio Holder Comments

- 6.1 The Portfolio Holder for Health and Social inclusion supports the recommendation to increase the price of Meals on Wheels by 10p to £2.70 from 5 April 2005.

7. Recommendation

- 7.1 It is recommended that Cabinet set the New Forest Meals On Wheels price at £2.70 for 2005/2006.

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