

MEALS ON WHEELS

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is for Members to consider the proposal to set the New Forest District Council Meals on Wheels price for 2007/08 at £2.90. This is an increase of 10 pence (3.6%).
- 1.2 Hampshire County Council have now set the 'County Meal Price' at £2.90 for the forthcoming year and in previous years this Council has adopted the same price.

2. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 2.1 Based on the forecast number of meals to be provided in 2007/08 (approximately 57,500), this would yield an additional £5,750 per year. The net cost of the Service is split 50/50 with Hampshire County Council, therefore, the additional net income to NFDC would be £2,875 for the year, which is roughly in line with inflation expectations.

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. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no equality or diversity implications arising from this report.

6. REVIEW PANEL COMMENTS

- 6.1 The Housing, Health & Social Inclusion Review Panel at their meeting on 21 January 2007 supported the proposed new meal price.

7. PORTFOLIO HOLDER COMMENTS

- 7.1 The Health Portfolio Holder recognises the need to keep the subsidy for the Meals on Wheels Service at existing levels by increasing the price but also understands that this may have negative financial implications for the customers.

8. RECOMMENDATION

- 8.1 It is recommended that Members consider the proposed meal price of £2.90 for 2007/08,

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