

COMMUNITY MEALS

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider the proposal to set the New Forest District Council Community Meals (Meals on Wheels and Luncheon Clubs) price for 2009/10 at £3.10. This is an increase of 10 pence (3.3%).

2. COMMUNITY MEALS PRICE

- 2.1 Hampshire County Council has set the 'County Meal Price' at £3.10 in line with increases in previous years. The County Council will recommend that this price is charged by all Hampshire Districts.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 Based on the forecast number of meals to be provided in 2009/10 (approximately 55,000), the proposed price increase would yield an additional £5,500 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 £2,750 for the year, which is roughly in line with inflation expectations so will, therefore, have no net impact on the current 2009/10 budget proposals.

4. ENVIRONMENTAL, CRIME AND DISORDER AND EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

5. EMPLOYMENT HEALTH & WELL BEING REVIEW PANEL COMMENTS

- 5.1 Whilst the Panel supported the suggested 10 pence increase, they would be concerned if this was exceeded and in those circumstances felt that serious consideration should be given to alternative options to avoid a greater increase.

6. PORTFOLIO HOLDER COMMENTS

- 6.1 The Portfolio Holder supports the recommendation below.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 That, in the light of comments received, the Cabinet consider the proposal to set the New Forest District Council Community Meals (Meals on Wheels and Luncheon Clubs) price for 2009/10 at £3.10, an increase of 10 pence (3.3%).

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Background Documents

Published documents