

SCHOOLS FORUM

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Forum asked to decide / steer / be informed	To recommend to the Cabinet member the amount of the increase, if any, in the price of primary school meals from 1 September 2011
Time Needed	

Introduction

This report puts forward options for an increase in the price of primary school meals from 1 September 2011.

Recommendation

That the Schools Forum agrees a recommendation to the Cabinet member on the price of primary school meals from 1 September 2011.

Price of Primary School Meals

1. School meals increased in price by 5.2% from £1.90 to £2.00 in September 2010.
2. The number of pupil meals supplied in Sept-Dec 2010 was 4.1% up on the same period in 2009. Take-up rose from 37.4% to 38.1%. The number of free school meals increased (3.7%) and so did the number of paid meals (4.3%).
3. Options for price increases are shown in the table below.

Increase per meal	% increase	Price	Additional income 2011-12	Additional income 2012-13
£0.00	0%	£2.00	£0	£0
£0.05	2.5%	£2.05	£21,000	£31,000
£0.10	5.0%	£2.10	£42,000	£62,000

4. A 5 pence increase represents an additional cost of £9.50 a year for each child buying a meal every day.
5. The average cost of a primary school meal (kitchen staff and ingredients only) in 2010-11 was £2.05. The total average cost including service and Council overheads was £2.53 per meal. Equipment replacement costs have been greatly reduced this year and food costs have been contained.
6. You are asked to recommend the increase, if any, in the price of primary school meals from 1 September 2011.