



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL CABINET MEMBER FOR LEISURE AND DIRECT SERVICES

Report of the Director of Environmental Services

PROPOSED INCREASES TO THE PRICE OF SCHOOL MEALS

RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 To approve an increase in the price of school meals with effect from September 2006.
- 1.2 The price of school meals supplied by Environmental Services to schools from September 2006 will be as follows

Primary	£1.45	- increase of 10 pence
Secondary	£1.60	- increase of 10 pence
Adult	£2.10	- increase of 10 pence

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 Environmental Services have been tasked with implementing the Government's Food and Nutritional Standards in September 2006. These standards, due to their nature will increase food costs, which current budgets cannot sustain.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 The budget for school meals is delegated to schools and the current formula does not reflect the changes to menu content as set out in the Government's new Food and Nutritional Standards.
- 3.2 Under the schools' delegated powers they are free to determine the selling price of school meals. Derby City Council issued a statement regarding the price of school meals that states:
"Derby City Council intends to set the price of a school meal at a level that is deemed affordable to all. All schools are asked to have regard for this policy and not vary from it without good reason."
- 3.3 The price of school meals was last increased in September 2004.

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

- 1.1 The catering service supplied to schools is intended to break even and the price increase will help towards achieving this. If a school does not apply the price increase, the quotation supplied by Environmental Services will have to be increased. Since the last increase in price, catering staff wages have increased by over 6% in 2005/06.

Legal

- 2.1 None.

Personnel

- 3.1 None.