

<b>ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL</b>	
<b>Report to:</b>	<b>Executive</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Report on increasing the price of the schools meals</b>
<b>Portfolio Holder(s):</b>	<b>Ieuan Williams</b>
<b>Head of Service:</b>	<b>Delyth Molyneux</b>
<b>Report Author:</b>	<b>Gwynne Jones</b>
Tel:	<b>01248 752921</b>
E-mail:	<b>gxjed@anglesey.gov.uk</b>
<b>Local Members:</b>	

<b>A –Recommendation/s and reason/s</b>		
<p>The following table summarises the current school meal prices across North Wales.</p>		
<b>Authority</b>	<b>Primary</b>	<b>Secondary</b>
Anglesey	£1.90	£2.10
Authority 1	£2.00	£2.10
Authority 2	£2.05	£2.20
Authority 3	£1.90	£2.05
Authority 4	£2.00	£2.40
Authority 5	£2.15	£2.15
<p>The cost on Anglesey compares favourably with those in other counties and represents good value for money. The current price of £1.90 for primary schools has not been changed since September 2012.</p>		
<p>Attention is also drawn to the fact that four of the North Wales authorities have either increased the price in April 2014 or are considering increasing the price of school meals from September 2014; this increase ranges from 5p to 20p. The remaining authority has indicated that their prices will remain static for the next year.</p>		
<p>The current school meals contract notes that the cost to the Council will be reviewed annually to reflect changes in the two following pricing indices - CHBS RPI [Food and catering] and CDKQ RPIX [Sundry and Management costs]. The expected increase will be an overall increase of 2.5% which will result in an increased cost of 7p per meal per pupil to the authority. As a result, the monthly school meals costs will increase by around £3,000 a month from September 2014.</p>		
<p>In view of the above, it is recommended that a 10p per meal increase be implemented from September 2014 to partially offset the expected increases in costs to the authority.</p>		

**B – What other options did you consider and why did you reject them and/or opt for this option?**

The other option considered was not to change the cost of school meals. This would increase the pressure on the budget line which at present is in slight deficit.

**C – Why is this a decision for the Executive?**

The decision to increase the cost of FSM is an issue that is relevant to the Executive and other members.

**CH – Is this decision consistent with policy approved by the full Council?**

This is in line with the Council's view that costs should reflect the cost of the service provided.

**D – Is this decision within the budget approved by the Council?**

Yes

<b>DD – Who did you consult?</b>		<b>What did they say?</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Chief Executive / Strategic Leadership Team (SLT)</b> (mandatory)	
<b>2</b>	<b>Finance / Section 151</b> (mandatory)	
<b>3</b>	<b>Legal / Monitoring Officer</b> (mandatory)	
<b>4</b>	<b>Human Resources (HR)</b>	
<b>5</b>	<b>Property</b>	
<b>6</b>	<b>Information Communication Technology (ICT)</b>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Scrutiny</b>	
<b>8</b>	<b>Local Members</b>	
<b>9</b>	<b>Any external bodies / other/s</b>	

<b>E – Risks and any mitigation (if relevant)</b>	
<b>1</b>	<b>Economic</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Anti-poverty</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Crime and Disorder</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Environmental</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Equalities</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Outcome Agreements</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Other</b>

<b>F - Appendices:</b>
None

<b>FF - Background papers (please contact the author of the Report for any further information):</b>
None