

**AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET**

**Name of Committee** Resources, Performance and Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee

**Date of Committee** 27th February 2007

**Report Title** Update on Review of Demand for School Meals

**Summary** The review of the County Council School Meals Service and demand for school meals is now well under way. This report seeks to update Members on progress to date.

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**Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework?** No.

**Background papers** None

**CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:-**

Details to be specified

- Other Committees  .....
- Local Member(s)  Applies to all Members of the Committee
- Other Elected Members  Councillors David Booth, George Atkinson, Bob Hicks – for information
- Cabinet Member  Councillor Alan Cockburn (Portfolio Holder-Resources) – for information
- Chief Executive  .....
- Legal  Sarah Duxbury
- Finance  .....
- Other Chief Officers  David Carter, Strategic Director of Performance and Development, Dave Clarke, Strategic Director of Resources – for information
- District Councils  .....

Health Authority  .....

Police  .....

Other Bodies/Individuals  .....

**FINAL DECISION NO**

**SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS:**

Details to be specified

Further consideration by this Committee  .....

To Council  .....

To Cabinet  .....

To an O & S Committee  Final report to Resources, Performance and Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee

To an Area Committee  .....

Further Consultation  .....

**Executive Summary**

This report updates the Resources, Performance and Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee on progress with the review of demand for school meals. Appended to the report are the terms of reference to the review.

## **Resources, Performance and Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee - 27th February 2007.**

### **Update on Review of Demand for School Meals**

#### **Report of the Chair of School Meals Service Review Panel**

##### **Recommendation**

That the Resources, Performance and Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee notes the progress to date of the School Meals Service Review Panel

1. At this committee's meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> September 2006 it was agreed that jointly with the Children, Young People and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee a Member panel should be established to undertake a review of the development of options for the future of the School Meals Service delivered by Warwickshire County Council. The review was promoted as a means of addressing a significant operating deficit resulting from a recent downturn in school meal take up.
2. Since the 19<sup>th</sup> September the panel has met on three occasions. As well as agreeing its terms of reference (attached) the panel has been gathering and exploring detailed information provided by Warwickshire County Caterers, the Children, Young People and Families Directorate and bodies outside of the County Council.
3. The panel has acknowledged the steps that have already been taken to reduce the operating deficit and is now working to identify other opportunities to increase school meal take up and so reduce the deficit further.
4. The panel has learned that the importance of the provision of a good and viable school meal service for Warwickshire' children cannot be overstated. It will continue to work towards the preparation of a report and recommendations which I hope to be able to present in draft form to your meeting in June.

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Chair of School meals Service Review  
Panel

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