

Individual Decision

Title of Report:	West Berkshire Policy on School Meals		
Report to be considered by:	Molly Lock	on:	3.3.05
Forward Plan Ref:	ID0941		

Purpose of Report: To define West Berks policy on school meals

Recommended Action: To adopt the policy

Reason for decision to be taken: There is currently no published policy regarding school meals. The contract for the provision of school meals is due to be re-tendered and a clear mandate is required from Council that healthy eating is a requirement of the provision.

List of other options considered: none

Key background documentation:

- Choosing Health – government white paper
- Healthy Living Blueprint for Schools – DES guidance

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Supporting Information

1. Background

1.1 Choosing Health – government white paper Nov 2004.

1.2 Healthy Living Blueprint for Schools – DES publication Sept 2004.

Appendices

Appendix - School Meals Policy

Implications

Policy: To adopt a policy on school meals where none previously exists, giving a clear mandate for the provision of school meals in WBC schools.

Financial: None directly – although good quality school meals may come at a price to the consumer. Currently Council pay for free school meals only.

Consultation Responses

Members:

Leader of Council: Royce Longton

Select Committee Chairmen: Molly Lock

P&L Committee Chairman
(where appropriate): N/A

Ward Members: N/A

Opposition Spokesperson: Graham Pask

Advisory Members: Sue Farrant, Health Scrutiny Panel

Local Stakeholders: N/A

Officers Consulted: Richard Hubbard, Ian Pearson, Christine Allan (Healthy Schools)

Trade Union: N/A