

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE – 11 APRIL 2002**

**CHARGES FOR SCHOOL MEALS**

**Report by Director of Educational and Social Services**

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

The Council's financial regulations require departments annually to review internally set charges and to propose adjustments, where necessary, to the spending committee. This report proposes charges for school meals to be implemented from Monday 22 April 2002.

**2. BACKGROUND**

2.1 In the progress of construction of the Council's budget for 2002/03, the upgrade to the figure representing anticipated income from school meals has now been determined by the department of Finance at 3.3% to reflect inflation.

2.2 In order to maintain the purchasing power of pupils entitled to free meals, the cash equivalent value of a free meal in cash cafeteria systems should also be increased accordingly.

**3. PROPOSAL**

In order to remain within the revised education budget for 2002/03 to take account of inflation, the price of a set meal for pupils, and the value of a free meal, will require to be increased from £1.33 to £1.37 with effect from Monday 22 April 2002. The price of individual items in cash cafeterias will be adjusted, as appropriate, to provide a similar increase in income overall.

**4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

This action fulfils the Council's financial regulations to review annually internally set charges and propose the necessary adjustments.

**5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no legal implications.

**6. RECOMMENDATION**

The committee is asked to approve the above increase in charges to pupils, and for the equivalent value of free meals to be increased to £1.37 for implementation from Monday 22 April 2002.

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**28 March 2002**

**LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

**NIL**

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**AGENDA**