

Impact Assessment

To increase school meals by 10 pence per meal



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Impact Assessments (IA) are a process of assessing how our proposals and decisions might impact upon different types of people and communities and developing proposals in line with relevant legislation.

This is a legal requirement, and ensures the Council considers key legislation, including Equalities, Welsh language, Future Generations, Socio-economic Duty and Risk when developing proposals.

It will also help the Council make the best possible decisions for the people of Powys.

1. Proposal Information

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Proposal title	To increase school meals by 10 pence per meal
Description of proposal	To increase the price of school meals in primary and secondary schools by 10 pence per meal which could generate an additional £187,310 in 2023-24.

2. Savings and Consultation requirements

Profile of savings delivery

2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027+	Total savings
£0	£187,310	£0	£0	£0	£0	£187,310

Further information

To increase primary and secondary school meal prices by 10 pence which could generate an additional £187,310

Consultation requirements

Consultation required?	Yes
Union consultation deadline	24/03/2023
Staff consultation deadline	24/03/2023
Public consultation deadline	24/03/2023

Consultation method

The public, parents and carers will be given adequate notice of any increases to meal prices.

3. Impact on other service areas, geographical areas and data protection

3a. Impact on other service areas

3b. Impact on geographical locations

The entire county

3c. Data protection impact assessment

Will the proposal involve processing the personal details of individuals?

No

Is Powys County Council the data controller?

No

Further information

4. Impact on Vision 2025

4a. The economy

Impact

None

4b. Health and care

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By providing good quality meals to pupils will support their health and well being.

Impact rating

Good

Mitigation

Not specified

4c. Learning and skills

Impact	None
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4d. Residents and communities

Impact	<p>The increase in school meal prices may have an impact on some residents. However, many learners already receive free school meals and the 'Universal Free School Meal Provision' roll out was started in September 2022 with all primary children being entitled to a free school meal by April 2024.</p> <p>The price of a meal for pupils in Powys is currently one of the lowest in Wales.</p>
Impact rating	Neutral
Mitigation	Not specified

4e. Evidence

School Meal Data 2019 - 2022

5. Impact on well-being goals including Welsh language and equalities

5a. A prosperous Wales

Impact	None
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5b. A resilient Wales

Impact	None
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5c. A healthier Wales

Impact	<p>By increasing the price of meals for pupils, it will go some way to ensure that the service is able to afford the significant increases in good, supplies and salaries. The service follow the Welsh Government nutritional guidance and work to ensure that pupils receive a healthy, balanced meal which supports their physical and mental well being.</p>
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Impact rating	Good
Mitigation	Not specified

5d. A Wales of cohesive communities

Impact	The Catering Service regularly engage with pupils to gauge their views on the meals provided and to receive feedback. Pupils also suggest menu ideas and 'theme' months.
Impact rating	Good
Mitigation	Not specified

5e. A globally responsible Wales

Impact	None
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5f. A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language

Using Welsh

Impact	None
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Promoting Welsh

Impact	The proposal and service will continue to promote the Welsh Language as currently.
Impact rating	Good
Mitigation	Not specified

Sports, Art & Recreation

Impact	None
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5g. A more equal Wales

Age

Impact	None
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Disability

Impact	None
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Gender Reassignment

Impact	None
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Marriage or Civil Partnership

Impact	None
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Race

Impact	None
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Religion or Belief

Impact	None
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Sex

Impact	None
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Sexual Orientation

Impact	None
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Pregnancy and Maternity

Impact	None
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Socio-economic Duty

Impact	None
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5h. Evidence

School Meal data 2019 - 2022

6. Impact on key guiding principles & workforce

6a. Sustainable development principles

Long-term

Impact	None
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Collaboration

Impact	None
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Involvement (including Communication and Engagement)

Impact	None
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Prevention

Impact	None
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Integration

Impact	None
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6b. Impact on the workforce

Impact	The increase in meal prices will support increased salary costs across the service.
Impact rating	Good
Mitigation	Not specified

6c. Impact on payroll

Impact	The increase in meal prices will support rising salary costs.
Impact rating	Good
Mitigation	Not specified

6d. Welsh language impact on staff

Impact	None
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6e. Impact on apprenticeships

Impact	None
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6f. Evidence

School Meal Data 2019 - 2022

7. Likelihood and risks

Risk 1

Description	Increasing school meal prices may create a barrier for some parents to purchase school meals.				
Likelihood score	3	Impact score	2	Risk rating	6.0
Mitigation	The further roll out of Universal Free School Meals to all primary pupils by April 2024 will help to reduce the costs to parents of children 11 years and under.				
Residual likelihood score	3	Residual impact score	1	Residual risk rating	3.0

8. Overall summary and judgement

Outline assessment

To increase school meal prices by 10 pence in primary and secondary schools which could generate additional income of £187,310.

Cabinet reference	
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9. Additional evidence

10. Ongoing monitoring arrangements and governance

Monitoring arrangements

School meal data is continuously monitored.

Review date

15/06/2023

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