

ITEM 4 - SCOPE OF SCHOOL FOOD TASK GROUP

<p>What is the origin of this review?</p>	<p>- Children's Services Scrutiny Committee's consideration of the annual update report on the School Food Strategy (11th September 2008)</p> <p>Scrutiny Committee decision:</p> <p><i>"Whilst acknowledging the good progress made against the strategy, members nonetheless felt that there were a number of issues they would like to explore further. Consequently the committee agreed to commission a task group to give further attention to the following major aspects of the school food strategy:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>(a) the government's nutrient based standards, and the challenges they posed</i> <i>(b) how many secondary and special schools in Wiltshire would need to make plans to build or share modern food technology facilities and equipment</i> <i>(c) what is the general impact of making learning to cook and understand the principles of diet and nutrition, an entitlement for 11-18 year olds</i> <i>(d) the principles underlying the new school catering contract, particularly to see how best to secure buy-in from schools, to gain a better appreciation of the demand for alternative school food delivery methods, and to gain a better appreciation of what alternative school food delivery methods will be possible for schools in the future</i> <i>(e) the role of the Schools Forum in promoting the school food strategy."</i>
<p>What will be the main sources of evidence for the review?</p>	<p>-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • information from the School Food Strategy Co-ordinator • comments from the School Nutrition Action Group (which has acted as a steering group for the strategy – includes representatives from the council, schools, PCT, local farmers, school caterers, The Wiltshire Gardens Trust and the Wiltshire Healthy Schools Team • information on the current and future school catering contract • information from the lead officer/chairman of the Schools Forum • national guidance / research • views from the school community (incl. pupils, parents, teachers, mid-day supervisory assistants) • Wiltshire PCT Obesity Strategy

Who are our end users?	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All schools, pupils, teachers, parents in Wiltshire
What are the objectives of the review	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To give further attention to the following major aspects of the school food strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ the government's nutrient based standards, and the challenges they pose ▪ the impact of making learning to cook and understand the principles of diet and nutrition an entitlement for 11-18 year olds, i.e. accessibility to modern food technology facilities and equipment ▪ the principles underlying the new school catering contract ▪ alternative school food delivery methods to meet the need for innovative and flexible arrangements ▪ the role of the Schools Forum in promoting the strategy
Who could be expected to implement scrutiny recommendations?	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DFES • Schools Forum • schools • Cabinet Members - Education / Procurement
Who will be affected by recommendations made?	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools – pupils, teachers, parents • Schools Forum
Who are the executive members for the review and how will they be involved?	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs Nancy Bryant (Education & Youth Development) / Mr John Noeken (Procurement) • Provide written and verbal information and attend task group meetings/visits
Who are the lead scrutiny members for the review?	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patrick Coleman, Tony Deane, John English, Mollie Groom, Rebecca MacDonald, and Malcolm Hewson
What level of support is needed for the review?	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scrutiny officer support • DCE officer support
What is the timescale for the review?	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three months approximately (submit final report and recommendations to committee 12th March 09 meeting)
How will progress be monitored?	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress Monitoring report to the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee (or its equivalent in the new council)