

SCRUTINY TASK GROUP

Meeting: School Food Task Group
Place: County Hall, Trowbridge
Room: Committee Room III
Date: Tuesday, 9 December 2008
Time: **11.15 am PLEASE NOTE REVISED TIME**

Briefing Arrangements:	Date	Time
Chairman's Briefing	9 th December	10am

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- (1) Public Participation and Written Documentation Notification of questions or any written documentation should be given to the Scrutiny Support Officer named above at least **48 hours** prior to a Task Group meeting taking place.
- (2) Substitutions Due to the nature of Scrutiny Task Group reviews, substitutions are not permitted.
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1. **Apologies**

2. **Report of the Previous Meeting (enclosed)**

Members are requested to note the report of the previous meeting held on the 20th November 2008.

3. **School Food Strategy Co-ordinator's Review of the Current Strategy**

Members will receive a presentation from the School Food Strategy Co-ordinator to inform them of the review she has been carrying out regarding those areas of the strategy to which the task group has been requested to give further consideration. A member of the School Nutrition Action Group (which has acted as the steering group of the strategy) will also attend for this item of the agenda to assist with members' questions.

4. **Challenges Posed by the Government's Nutrient Based Standards**

Members will receive a presentation from the School Food Strategy Co-ordinator to assist them in understanding further the challenges posed by the new nutrient based standards, for primary schools from September 2008 and for secondary schools from September 2009.

Members will have previously received a copy of the School Food Trust's guide to introducing these standards, and you are asked to bring this with you to the meeting.

The Sodexo Contract Director and their state registered dietician will also attend the meeting to assist members with their questions and to present further information to relate Sodexo's experiences regarding the challenges posed by the nutrient based standards.

5. **What is the General Impact of Making Learning to Cook and Understand the Principles of Diet & Nutrition an Entitlement for Secondary School Pupils?**

In responding to this question which the committee has asked the task group to explore, members are invited to discuss the enclosed "License to Cook" document, and to hear about a number of examples where schools are already facilitating this entitlement. This will provide members with the opportunity to suggest which schools they might visit in January to see first hand how this is being applied in Wiltshire.

A School Adviser for Design & Technology from the Department for Children & Education will attend the task group's 29th January meeting to further assist members in discussing this aspect of their terms of reference.

6. **How Many & Which Schools in Wiltshire Will Need to Make Plans to Build or Share Modern Food Technology Equipment & Facilities (enclosed)**

Members are invited to consider the enclosed report which lists four schools in Wiltshire which have recently been identified as being eligible to receive capital funding from the government to build a new food technology area and practical kitchen facilities. This report also incorporates a copy of the guidance from the Department for Children, Schools & Families relating to this capital funding scheme.

In addition to the School Adviser for Design & Technology, the Head of School Buildings & Places will also attend the task group's 29th January meeting to further assist members in discussing this aspect of their terms of reference.

7. **Next Meeting**

The task group's next meeting is due to take place on the rising of the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee meeting on the **29th January at 1.30pm**. A working lunch will be provided.