

20 JANUARY 2000**CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF A HOT DELIVERED COMMUNITY
MEALS SERVICE**

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1. Purpose

- 1.1 To inform the Committee that the contract for the provision of a hot delivered community meals services has been tendered and that recommendations regarding acceptance of tenders will be provided prior to the Committee on 20 January.
- 1.2 Recommendations on the Meals Contract can not be made until interviews with tenderers and taste testings have been held early in January.

2. Summary

- 2.1 Three organisations have tendered for the provision of a hot delivered community meals service. The tenders are currently being evaluated and recommendations will be made at the meeting.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 The Committee is asked to note that a report containing recommendations regarding the meals contract will be tabled at the meeting following the evaluation of tenders.

4. **Background**

- 4.1 Milton Keynes Council inherited contracts from Buckinghamshire County Council for a Meals on Wheels Service where frozen foods were supplied by Brake Brothers for regeneration and delivery by the WRVS.
- 4.2 Following a Multi-agency review of the meals service a number of recommendations were made to Neighbourhood Services Committee which approved re-tendering for the provision of a hot delivered meals service.
- 4.3 A specification has been produced which enabled tenderers to put in for all or part of the contract and was designed to encourage flexible and innovative approaches to service delivery.
- 4.4 Three organisations have put in tenders, which are currently being evaluated.

5. **Issues and Choices**

- 5.1 Will be considered in the report produced once evaluations are completed.

6. **Implications**

6.1 Environmental

Will be considered in the report produced once evaluations are completed.

6.2 Equalities

Will be considered in the report produced once evaluations are completed.

6.3 Financial

Will be considered in the report produced once evaluations are completed.

6.4 Legal

Will be considered in the report produced once evaluations are completed.

6.5 Staff and Accommodation

Will be considered in the report produced once evaluations are completed.

7. **Conclusions**

- 7.1 A full report on the tenders for the meals contract and recommendations will be produced prior to the next Neighbourhood Services Committee.

Background Papers: Meals Review – Interim Report, Neighbourhood Services Committee, 17 December 1997

Meals Contract, Neighbourhood Services Committee, 14 July 1998

Meals Review, Neighbourhood Services Committee, 2 February 1999