

ITEM No ...7.....

REPORT TO: POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 6 SEPTEMBER 2021
REPORT ON: TAYSIDE MEALS CENTRE
REPORT BY: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES
REPORT NO: 253-2021

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To seek approval for Perth & Kinross Council to participate in the joint arrangements for the Tayside Contracts Central Production Unit facility. Perth & Kinross Council have requested to be included to receive their school meal provision from the facility from January 2022.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the Council agree to the inclusion of Perth and Kinross Council in the joint arrangements for the Tayside Contracts Central Production Unit.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The inclusion of Perth and Kinross Council in the arrangement will result in savings for Dundee City Council due to the sharing of the fixed costs between the three councils rather than just Angus and Dundee. This will generate a recurring saving of around £54k per year for Dundee (this includes £7k that relates to the Dundee Health and Social Care Partnership).

4.0 MAIN TEXT

4.1 The Council agreed to enter joint arrangements for a Central Processing Unit in January 2019. (Article III of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 28 January, 2019, Report No 48-2019 refers). The benefits of the proposal included supporting the roll out of early learning and improve food safety, meal quality and choice whilst at the same time realising savings.

4.2 In October 2019 Perth and Kinross Council decided to withdraw from the proposals which meant that the fixed costs of the investment were shared between Angus and Dundee Councils. (Article IV of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 28 October, 2019, Report No 369-2021 refers).

4.3 Perth and Kinross Council now wish to participate in the new arrangements as a full partner. This will mean that the fixed costs can be shared among the partners.

4.4 The proposals agreed in October 2019 were expected to deliver savings for Children and Families (£108k). Realising the benefits has been hampered by Covid-19 since periods of school closures have impacted on the business. However, the Council should start to see the savings from the new model from the 2022/23 financial year. Savings accruing to Dundee Health and Social Care Partnership (£313k) have been incorporated within their budgets.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 This report has been subject to an assessment of any impacts on Equality and Diversity, Fairness and Poverty, Environment and Corporate Risk. There are no issues.

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

6.1 The Council Management Team were consulted in the preparation of this report.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None

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