

Title **Review of community meal service**

Service Area **Resources and Governance**

Estimated Savings **£29,000**

Summary

The Council delivers meals of wheels to approximately 60 clients each day, 365 days per year.

They are heated on a daily basis, placed into hot boxes and delivered to each customer by staff between 11.30 am and 1.30pm.

This business case proposes reducing deliveries to once a week with clients receiving frozen meals. The labels would have all the heating instructions and the clients can heat the meals when it is suitable at any time of the day.

Impact

With this change considerations would have to given to freezer storage space within the client's house and the cooking facilities available to them. Appraisals would have to be undertaken by Social Services on all clients to ensure they can cope with the heating and safe storage of the meals. Additional costs would have to considered if Social Services had staff members visiting the most vulnerable clients.