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SUBJECT:	MEALS ON WHEELS SERVICE	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	TERMS OF REFERENCE:

1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 That Members consider and make known their views on the proposed Meals on Wheels Best Value Implementation report (attached as Annexe A) received from Derbyshire County Council.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 Members are asked to receive the presentation and comment on any matters arising out of the report.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 Derbyshire County Council have recently completed a Best Value Review of their Meals on Wheels service. Their Cabinet Committee have now decided to move towards a totally frozen service.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 We currently contribute £30,370 each year towards the service. DCC estimate that once they have completed the change process the total cost of the Meals on Wheels service will be less than it is at present. They state their intention to develop an agreed formula with District Councils as regards equitable contribution levels once the re-tendering process is complete. In the meantime, they intend to request a contribution for 2002/03 equal to this year plus an amount for inflation.

5.0 Corporate Implications

- 5.1 None.

6.0 Community Implications

6.1 Officers from DCC have offered to meet Elected Members in District Councils. A presentation will be made to this Committee.

7.0 Conclusions

7.1 The Meals on Wheels service represents a valuable local service to local residents.

8.0 Background Papers

8.1 Best Value review Meals on Wheels Service 2001 - Executive Summary
Report from Director of Social Services, DCC Social Services Department - Report for Cabinet 11.9.01