

SPECIAL ANGUS COUNCIL

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REVIEW OF CHARGES WITHIN EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING DIRECTORATE

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**1. ABSTRACT**

- 1.1 This report sets out proposals for the charges to be levied by service areas within the Education and Lifelong Learning Directorate for the financial year 2025/26.

**2. ALIGNMENT TO THE COUNCIL PLAN**

- 2.1 The proposals contained in this report align with the following Angus Council Plan 2023-28 priority:

Continue to develop and deliver our Change Programme.

**3. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Council:

- i) Notes that this report has been prepared on the basis that the percentage increases for charges have been applied at varying rates as detailed in Appendix 1;
- ii) Approves the pricing structures as contained within Appendix 1; and
- iii) Agrees that the charges are effective from 1 April 2025, or the start of any seasonal operations.

**4. BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 The charges covered by this report are reviewed annually by the Education and Lifelong Learning Directorate and all amendments to charges are reported to Members on an annual basis as part of the budget setting process. The last annual review of charges was reported to Angus Council on 29 February 2024 ([Report No. 51/24 refers](#)).

- 4.2 The review of charges for 2025/26 has been carried out as part of the budget setting process and it is proposed that the percentage increase be standardised in the main across the council to 5%, before accounting for VAT, where applicable. The charging structure attached in the Appendix 1, has been prepared on the basis of this percentage increase, rounded up to the nearest 10p.

**5. PROPOSALS**

- 5.1 The proposals summarised in the tables in the attached appendix would come into force on 1 April 2025 or at commencement of any seasonal operation.

**6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 It is estimated that the increased charges for the Education and Lifelong Learning directorate, as detailed in the Appendix 1, will generate gross additional income of approximately £50,000. This estimate assumes that meal uptake numbers and school lets remain consistent with 2023-24 trends. The income offsets costs incurred by Angus Council in relation to provision of these services.

## **7. RISK MANAGEMENT**

### 7.1 Corporate Risk Register

- Financial Sustainability
- Transforming for the Future

### 7.2 Directorate Risk Register

- Delivery of directorate priorities

## **8. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

8.1 There are no environmental implications arising from this report.

## **9. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT, HUMAN RIGHTS AND FAIRER SCOTLAND DUTY**

9.1 An Equality Impact Assessment has been carried out and can be found at this [link](#).

## **10. CHILDREN'S RIGHTS AND WELLBEING IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

10.1 A children's rights assessment has been completed as part of the EIA.

## **11. CONSULTATION**

11.1 The Chief Executive and the Acting Director of Legal, Governance & Change have been consulted on this report.

**NOTE:** The following background papers, as detailed by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above report:

- Report 51/24

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### **List of Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Review of Charges – Education and Lifelong Learning

## Appendix 1 – Education and Lifelong Directorate Proposed Charges for 2025/26

Table to be inserted for review of charges showing 2024/25 charges and 25/26 charges.

<b>Type of Charge</b>	<b>2024-25 Charge</b>	<b>Proposed 2025-26 Charge</b>	<b>Percentage Increase</b>
Primary school meal	£2.30	£2.40	4.35%
Secondary school meal	£2.40	£2.50	4.17%
Adult meal	£3.16 (inc VAT)	£3.50 (inc VAT)	11.0%
School Lets	<a href="#">School lets charging scheme detailed here</a>	5% uplift as per the link.	5% (rounded to the nearest 10p)