

Community Meals: Have your say

Background

Bolton Council is reviewing its community meals '*Meals on Wheels*' service that provides hot meals to residents who find it difficult to cook for themselves.

You currently pay £4.59 to receive your meal, whereas the **real** cost of delivering a hot meal to you is £7.85 per meal. Bolton Council is therefore currently subsidising each meal at a cost of £3.26 per meal. This is no longer sustainable due to financial budget pressures.

The proposal

It is proposed to withdraw the hot meal delivery service provided by the council and signpost you to an alternative provider if required.

There is a range of companies around the Bolton area which charge in the region of £6.60 for a hot meal and pudding delivered direct to your home. Frozen meals (for reheating as needed) can also be delivered free at a cost ranging from £3 to £6.

If the proposal is taken forward, the council would provide support to help you find an alternative provider, where necessary, and assistance with equipment needed to keep meals frozen and reheat them (if this is required).

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www.bolton.gov.uk/data-protection-freedom-information/privacy-notices

Impact of the proposal

Please describe what (if any) impact there will be on you / the person you care if this proposal is taken forward

Support

If the proposals are approved, how can we support you through the changes?

About you

So we can understand how our proposals affect different service users, we would be grateful if you could answer the following questions. Please feel free miss out any you don't want to answer.

Please tick the box that most closely describes your interest in this issue

- As (or on behalf of) a person receiving a community meal
- On behalf of a community group / organisation
- Member of Staff
- Resident
- Other (*please state in box below*)

What is your age?

Are you?

- Male Female

Are your day to day activities limited because of a health problem or disability which has lasted or expected to last at least 12 months?

- Yes, limited a lot Yes, limited a little No

What is your postcode?

Thank you for completing this questionnaire. Please return your completed form in the pre-paid envelope provided. You do not need a stamp.