Appendix One

Key options for the community meals service- for discussion

Should the Council:

- Only provide a community meals service for those people who meet the eligibilty criteria for social care services?
- Charge people the full cost of the service or increase the charges such that they are more in line with other Councils?
- Improve the information and signposting available to people about the range of existing services that can provide meals to people at home (irrespective of whether they meet the Councils eligibility criteria)?
- Continue the focus on re-ablement which would include supporting people where possible to regain their skills in relation to cooking their own meals?
- Continue to promote the use of direct payments for people eligible for social care services which would include the provision of meals at home? Should this include offering all people currently using the service and eligible for social care services the option of direct payments?
- Further support the development of the market for meals at home which would enable people to have more choice and control in relation to the service?