

# BRIEFING NOTE

Agenda Item no. 9

TO: Scrutiny Panel  
DATE: 14 July 2011

RE: Taste For Life Meals Service

## Purpose

This note has been written in response to the an enquiry from the Chair of the Panel

## Update on Taste For Life Service

The Taste for Life service has been in place since 7<sup>th</sup> January 2011, providing a borough wide co-ordination and advisory service, linking citizens with local community and commercial meal providers. The overarching aim is to ensure and extend the availability of a variety of meals services to across the Borough. Taste for Life also assist citizens in helping them decide and arrange how they wish to be supported with meal provision.

The Taste for Life service has been in place for 6 months and receives on average 25 new referrals per month. Current Taste for Life priorities are: seeking out and supporting the further development of community based lunch club facilities and extending the availability of transport provision. At present there is a fairly equal split in terms of those citizens receiving a meal at home and those accessing community meal provisions. Taste for Life are also providing ongoing referrals to other community based agencies, where citizens need support in other areas of their lives.

The Taste for Life group meet on a regular basis, next scheduled meeting is 8<sup>th</sup> July 2011.

## Recommendations

- Provision of support in resolving logistical issues, which are inevitable at the development and evolving stages of a multi-agency community based initiative, so as to ensure as many citizens across the borough are supported to be both independent and to live more fulfilled lives within their local communities.

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