

## HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES SELECT COMMITTEE

<b>Report Title</b>	Update on Outcomes of Premature Mortality Review - School Meals Uptake - Information Item		
<b>Key Decision</b>	No	Item No.	6
<b>Ward</b>	All		
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<b>Class</b>	Part 1	Date:	October 23rd 2013

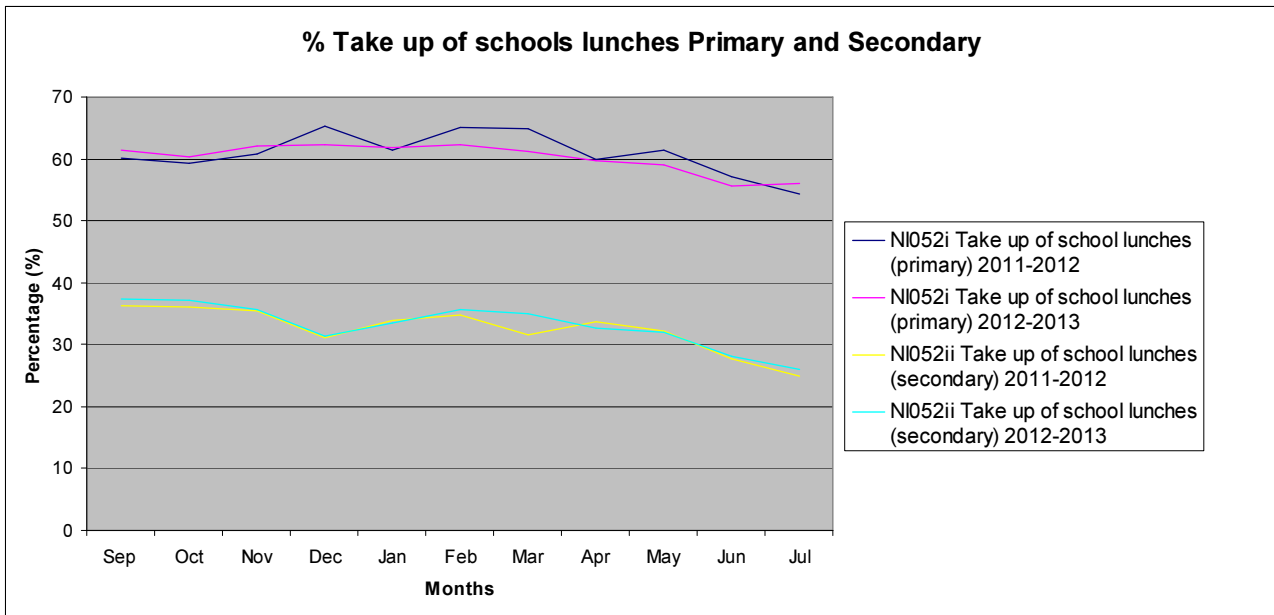
### 1. Summary

1.1 This short note provides comparable information relating to the take up of total school meals and free school meals.

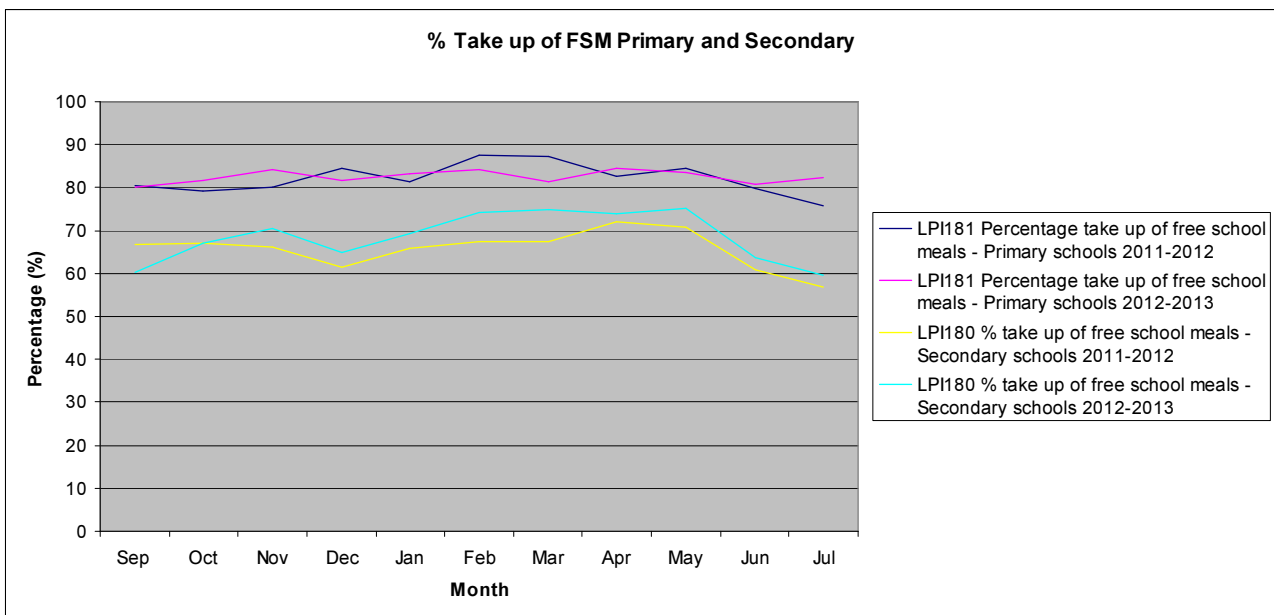
<b>Total Take up of School Meals</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>July</b>
NI052i Take up of school lunches (primary) 2011-12	60.1	59.3	60.7	65.2	61.5	65.0	64.8	59.9	61.4	57.1	54.3
NI052i Take up of school lunches (primary) 2012-13	61.4	60.4	62.0	62.3	61.8	62.2	61.1	59.7	59.1	55.7	56.0
NI052ii Take up of school lunches (secondary) 2011-12	36.3	36.1	35.5	31.2	34.0	34.8	31.6	33.8	32.3	27.7	25.0
NI052ii Take up of school lunches (secondary) 2012-13	37.3	37.1	35.7	31.3	33.5	35.7	34.9	32.7	32.0	28.2	25.9

<b>Total Take up of Free School Meals (FSM)</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>July</b>
LP181 % take up of free school meals (primary) 2011-12	80.3	79.1	80.2	84.6	81.5	87.7	87.2	82.6	84.6	79.8	75.8
LP181 % take up of free school meals (primary) 2012-13	80.2	81.8	84.3	81.7	83.1	84.2	81.5	84.6	83.5	80.8	82.2
LP180 % take up of free school meals (secondary) 2011-12	66.8	67.0	66.0	61.4	65.7	67.4	67.3	72.1	70.8	60.9	56.8
LP180 % take up of free school meals (secondary) 2012-13	60.4	67.1	70.4	64.9	69.1	74.1	74.9	74.0	75.1	63.8	59.7
N1052 take up of school lunches 2012-2013	52.7	52.1	52.8	54.5	52.9	55.8	55.5	52.0	52.6	48.2	45.5
N1052 take up of school lunches 2011-2013	54.1	53.5	54.2	53.1	53.5	54.4	53.4	51.8	51.0	47.5	47.0

1.2 The table above shows monthly percentage take up of both paid school meals and free school meals (FSM) for both primary and secondary for school years 2011 – 2012 and 2012 – 2013. The figures are taken from the monthly management report showing the percentage uptake against monthly school roll.



1.3 The table above demonstrates the school year and seasonal variances of overall school meals.



1.4 The table above demonstrates the school year and seasonal variances for FSM. As noted above there has been an increase in school meal uptake over the last two school years.

## 2. Further information

2.1 The national average for school meal take up based on 2011 – 2012 figures are:

Primary Schools: 46.3%

Secondary Schools: 39.8%

2.2 School meal take up in Lewisham is currently:

Primary Schools: 63 - 66%,  
Secondary Schools: 36.7%

2.3 Partnership working with Chartwells and the schools continues in order to maintain this upward trend and take our primary schools school meal uptake further above the national average and exceed the national average in secondary schools.

2.4 There are exciting times ahead with the Government recently publishing their School Food Plan [www.schoolfoodplan.com](http://www.schoolfoodplan.com) and the recent policy statement whereby all Key Stage 1 school children will have the opportunity to have a free school meal from September 2014. Local authorities are seeking further guidance from the Department of Education in relation to the implementation of the KS1 Free School Meal offer and other initiatives to increase school meal take up.

#### **Background documents**

There are no background papers.

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