

	2014/15 £'000	2015/16 £'000	2016/17 £'000
<b>Final Outturn</b>	450	717	494
<b>Variance to Budget*</b>	(430)	53	(281)
<b>Price per meal (Primary)**</b>	2.10	2.10	2.10
<b>Price per free meal (Secondary)*</b>	2.40	2.40	2.40

\* Underspend in 2014/15 was substantially due to the higher number of trading days for the service, arising from the lack of inclement weather and its usual impact on school opening days. In addition, savings were generated through vacancy management and lower than anticipated costs of repairs and maintenance.

\*Overspend in 2015/16 was due to a corporate decision not to drawdown any earmarked reserve funding in relation to cashless catering and H&S improvements in schools. If this funding had been utilised the underspend would have been £107k.

\*\* Price per meal has increased in 2017 to £2.20 per meal Primary and £2.50 per free meal Secondary, however this is the first increase since Sept 2013.