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Dear Sir/Madam

### **Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**

**Request ID: FOI625291955**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Council's School Catering Service.

You have requested the following information:

**1. What operating model do you currently adopt for your schools catering service? (eg. LA direct delivery model, or LA Managed Supplier Contract, or Managed by individual schools and academies, or Mixed economy model (ie. a combination of approaches)).**

The provision is managed by individual schools and academies, the majority of which have an SLA in place with Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council (MBC) to deliver the requirement.

**If the answer to 1 is "LA direct delivery model", please proceed to questions 3 to 5, otherwise respond to questions 2a – 2c only.**

**2a. When and why did you stop operating a LA direct delivery model for catering service?**

The decision to cease providing this service was made in the 2014/15 financial year to allow schools and academies to source directly themselves.

**2b. If you have a LA Managed Supplier Contract for catering services, who is the external provider?**

We do not manage the contract for schools and academies.

**2c. Do you subsidise your provider or receive a contribution towards overheads?**

We are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act that we do not hold this information. We do not have access to this information as schools and academies source this directly with Solihull MBC

**LA direct delivery model only:**

- 3. What was the net (surplus) / deficit position for the Local Authority's Schools Catering service for the last three financial years (ending 2022 - 2024)?**
- 4. What were the total annual operating costs associated with running the Schools Catering business for the last three financial years (ending 2022 – 2024)?**
- 5. How many schools does the local authority's catering service currently serve?**

Questions 3 - 5 are not applicable.

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