



Where Next For Local Authority Caterers?

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Nutritional Standards – Friend or Foe?

- Cannot argue with principle
- Primary Schools have experienced little change
- But Packed Lunches brought in from home need careful monitoring....



Are the Secondary
School catering pieces
of Jigsaw in Place?





Secondary Schools are a Greater Challenge –

- Is there “truly” a Whole School Approach?
- Is there a Stay On Site Policy?
- Is the Lunch Break long enough?
- Is the Dining/Kitchen Capacity Adequate?



- The Challenges can be Overcome but...
- Unrealistic current timescales for Implementation
- Impact on Rising Prices?
- Freedom of Access/Choice
- The Food has to be Acceptable to our Customers.



- Catering Providers are only one part of the solution
- Dependence on Government funding
- Creative with Food Options around Stringent Standards
- Manufacturers have risen to the Challenge



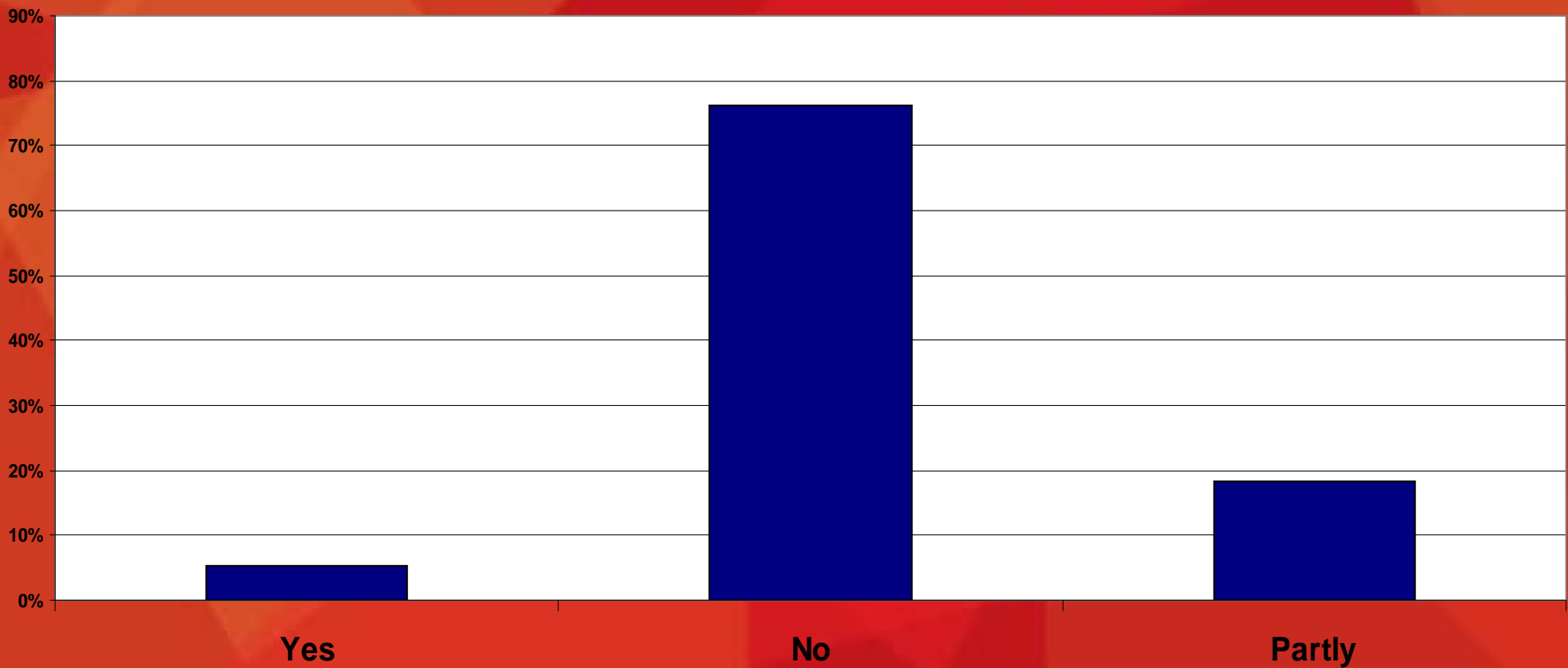
Are Catering Subsidies Here To Stay?

- Current Government Funding runs out in 2011
- 85% of Service Providers are already subsidised
- Impact of reduced or deleted subsidies on Quality, Price, long term viability...

Impact for Schools if School Lunch Grant ceases in 2011



Would Schools or the Local Authority replace the grant if it ceased in 2011?





Key Questions –

- Is the School Catering Service a Commercial, a Welfare or “ Essential Education” Service?
- How serious are we about the Future Health of our Children? (1 in 3 children obese in 2050)
- Are Free School Meals for all the way forward?



How Can We Extend Catering Opportunities?

- Whole School Provision
- Diplomas
- Facilities Management Delivery
- Sound “Partnership” Working



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Let us give the School Lunch Period the same priority as a Maths or English lesson, and to measure the results by the decline in obesity figures.....





Thank You for listening.....

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