

CABINET – 14 MARCH 2019

PQ 21/19 - Written Question from Lucy Temple, Freshwater to the Cabinet Member for Childrens Services, Education and Skills

QUESTION

“Why was the consultation document written without reference to the November 2018 Department of Education statutory guidance on the closure of rural schools?”

This guidance states that a proposal of a closure must consider; the effect on the local community, the proportion of pupils attending, educational standards, the effect on neighbouring schools, whether the school is now surplus to requirements, any increase in the use of motor vehicles, and any alternatives to the closure of the school.”

RESPONSE

“I am happy to confirm that as the paper states, in paragraphs 9 and 31 to 35, we are fully aware of the statutory guidance documents from the DFE, dated November 2018.

The documents set out an extra layer of consideration, and some points to pay extra attention to. I can further confirm that these requirements were fully taken into consideration when coming up with the options included in the paper, and on which we are now rightly consulting”
