



Agenda Item Introduction

Committee	POLICY AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES, EDUCATION AND SKILLS
Date	7 SEPTEMBER 2023
Topic	SCHOOL TRANSPORT

BACKGROUND

As part of the Education Act 1996 the authority must make suitable travel arrangements to facilitate an eligible child's attendance at school. These can include parents taking their child to school and receiving reimbursement for mileage, dedicated school buses, a pass for use on public buses or a seat in a taxi where more individualised arrangements are necessary.

The Education and Inspections Act 2006 created new duties on the IWC to provide free transport for pupils in receipt of free school meals or whose families receive the maximum level of Working Tax Credit. Statutory guidance requires the local authority to review its Home to School Transport arrangements regularly to ensure that they provide the most cost-effective service.

FOCUS FOR SCRUTINY

- What current school transport policies are in place and when were they last reviewed?
- What are the trends in school transport activity and what are the associated costs?
- What plans and initiatives are underway to manage these costs?

APPROACH

A committee report to be received.

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED

Appendix 1 - Cost Increases for School Transport Report

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