

Policy and Scrutiny Scoping Document

Committee	Children and Young People Policy and Scrutiny Committee	
Topic	Home to School Transport	Ref: CYP_SCR_031 File Ref: E.41.01/7/39
Objective	(1) To discuss the implications of introducing a cycle allowance and cycle purchase scheme (2) To discuss the current arrangements for Home to School Transport and determine whether any changes should be considered, including how the Committee should undertake any such consideration.	
Reasons for undertaking review	(1) Cabinet Member has proposals in mind and wishes to seek Members views. (2) Amount of transport provided has been changed over recent years but still remains as a matter of public concern and interest.	
Topic suggested by	The Committee	
Method <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial briefing to define scope • Task & Finish Group • Commission • Full Committee 	YES (but second item may need to then be referred to a task and finish group).	
Membership	N/A	
Issues to be addressed	In respect of (1) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why has this suggestion been put forward? • What options were considered? • Why is a particular option favoured? • What is the cost of the proposal? • What are the insurance issues - particularly what are the implications for the Council in the case of a child having an 	

	<p>accident)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where will ownership of any cycles rest (both short term and long term)? • Will there be any contractual arrangements with parents? • Will this be an ongoing scheme or a time limited trial in the first instance? <p>In respect of (2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What must the Council provide statutorily? • What may the Council provide on a discretionary basis? • How do parents know what is provided/not provided? • What guidelines must a transport operator fulfil (i.e. vehicle standards; operators licences; CRB checks)? • How much annually does the Council spend on transport? and how is this split between primary, secondary and special sectors? • Will the extension of the school leaving age up to 18 incur extra costs? • What alternatives might the Council operate (i.e. cycle provision is being looked at but are there other options)? • May / does the Council assist parents in setting up bussing/coaching arrangements? • Does the Council have any proposals in mind upon which the Committee could comment? <p>In the light of the discussion in July 2012, the Committee may then decide to look at one or more particular aspects in detail, via task and finish groups.</p> <p>On both (1) and (2), the Committee will need to be aware of the Equality Impact Assessment of any changes.</p>
Sources of Evidence and witnesses	ECC Schools, Children's and Families Directorate
Work Programme	Discussion at Committee meeting on 5 July 2012
Indicators of Success	TBA

Meeting the CfPS Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Critical Friend Challenge to Executive</i> • <i>Reflect Public voice and concerns</i> • <i>Own the scrutiny process</i> • <i>Impact on service delivery</i> 	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>		
Diversity and Equality	Overall impact on specific age-related section of the community and any undue impact on any particular sub-group within that age group (i.e. those of a particular religious persuasion or those who live in a particular geographical area).		
Date agreed by Committee	March 2012.		
Future Action	<p>(1) Views to be passed to Cabinet Member in advance of decision being made.</p> <p>(2) TBA once the matter has been considered by the Committee</p>		
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Service Lead Officer(s)	<p>Councillor Stephen Castle, Cabinet Member</p> <p>Emma Toulic, Head of SF Strategic Transport and Awards.</p>		