

## **Appendix B**

### **Details of consultation responses on home to school transport policy and proposed changes to policy and charging**

- Findings as of end of 25/06/13

#### **School Transport user numbers**

- 3,500 16+ students
- 900 denominational pupils
- 400 farepayers

#### **Consultation Process**

Consultation started on 20<sup>th</sup> May and runs to 30<sup>th</sup> June. The consultation was e-mailed directly to our database of school contacts and again through the Education Information System and direct to the Diocesan Council at Derby.

A press release covered the consultation process and a Members' News in Brief was circulated to all County Councillors.

The consultation was also shown as a banner on the front page of the County Council website.

**Count of responses to 25 June 2013: 484**

### **Headlines**

#### **Age 16+ transport to colleges and sixth forms**

- **90% of respondents disagreed** with the proposal to remove the subsidy from post-16 transport (82% 'Strongly Disagreed')
- **72% agreed**, with 47% 'Strongly Agreeing', that the transport service should remain available for those who wish to cover the full cost
- **85% agreed** that the Council should continue to provide transport to those in the second year of 16 plus if the subsidy is withdrawn (69% 'Strongly Agreed')

#### **Transport to Voluntary Aided (Denominational) Schools**

- **61% disagreed** with the proposal to remove the subsidy from denominational support (55% 'Strongly Disagreed')
- **66% agreed** (38% 'Strongly Agreeing') that the transport service should remain available for those who wish to cover the full cost

### **Eligibility when a pupil changes address**

- **58% disagreed** with the proposal that the Council should remove free or subsidised transport from the new address if a student changes address (42% 'Strongly Disagreed' with this)

## **Findings by statistical significance**

### **Age 16+ transport to colleges and sixth forms**

*Question 1: Do you agree or disagree with the Council's proposal to remove the subsidy from post-16 transport to colleges and sixth forms? (475 responses)*

#### **Agreement**

- Non-parents or carers were **very likely** (more than expected) to 'Strongly Agree' (17%) and were more likely than expected to 'Agree' (10%)
- Those who do not have children who use the home to school transport were more likely than expected to 'Agree' (11%) and 'Strongly Agree' (9%)
- Those stating 'No religion' were more likely than expected to 'Strongly Agree' (11%) and 'Agree' (9%)

#### **Disagreement**

- No significance found.

*Question 2: Do you agree or disagree that if the subsidy is removed the transport service should remain available for those who wish to cover the full cost of the transport (approximately £425 per student per year)? (470 responses)*

#### **Agreement**

- Those of 'Other ethnic group' were more likely than expected to 'Agree' (71%)

#### **Disagreement**

- Those of 'Mixed' ethnic origin were more likely than expected to 'Disagree' (25%)

*Question 3: Do you agree or disagree that, if the subsidy is withdrawn, we should continue to provide transport to those who are already receiving it to allow them to complete their second year of 16+ in the 2014/2015 academic year? (471 responses)*

**Agreement**

- Bisexual respondents were more likely than expected to 'Agree' (67%)

**Disagreement**

- Those of 'Other' sexual orientation were more likely than expected to 'Disagree' (20%)

**Transport to Voluntary Aided (Denominational) Schools**

*Question 5: Do you agree or disagree with the Council's proposal to remove the subsidy from denominational transport? (443 responses)*

**Agreement**

- Those who do not have children who use the home to school transport to denominational schools were more likely than expected to 'Strongly Agree' (29%) and 'Agree' (13%)
- Males were more likely than expected to 'Strongly Agree' (30%)
- Those aged under 40 were more likely than expected to 'Agree' (19%)
- Those aged over 60 were more likely than expected to 'Strongly Agree' (43%)
- Non-parents or carers were more likely than expected to 'Strongly Agree' (33%)
- Those stating 'No religion' were **very likely** (more than expected) to 'Strongly Agree' (45%)
- Those stating 'Any other religion or belief' were more likely than expected to 'Agree' (30%)

**Disagreement**

- Those who have children who use voluntary aided transport were **very likely** (more than expected) to 'Strongly Disagree' (95%)
- Those stating 'Roman Catholic' were **very likely** (more than expected) to 'Strongly Disagree' (96%)

*Question 6: Do you agree or disagree that if the subsidy is removed the transport service should remain available for those who wish to cover the full cost of the transport (approximately £640)? (438 responses)*

**Agreement**

- No significance found

**Disagreement**

- Black or Black British respondents were **very likely** (more than expected) to 'Disagree' (33%)

- Asian or Asian British respondents were more likely than expected to 'Disagree' (17%)

### **Change of address and eligibility**

*Question 8: Do you agree or disagree with the proposal that we remove free or subsidised transport from the new address if a student changes address? (263 responses<sup>1</sup>)*

#### **Agreement**

- No significance found

#### **Disagreement**

- No significance found

#### **Note on representation**

The demographic profile of respondents shows that there is an over-representation of responses (using comparable 2011 Census data) from county residents who are:

- Female
- Aged 45-59
- And those who have two or more cars or vans in their household

There is a under-representation from county residents who are:

- Male
- Less than 45 years old and those aged over 60
- Asian or Asian British
- And those who have no cars or vans in their household

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<sup>1</sup> Please note that due to an error the first 212 respondents to the survey did not have an opportunity to complete this question. The base number for this question is 272 whereas it is 484 for all other questions.