

# CABINET - 9<sup>th</sup> JULY 2013

# RESULTS OF CONSULTATION ON THE HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT POLICY AND PROPOSED CHANGES TO POLICY AND CHARGING

# SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT

#### **Purpose of Supplementary Report**

1. Further to the report of the Director of Environment and Transport marked item '5' on the main agenda, this supplementary report advises the Cabinet of the final results of the public consultation on proposals to change the Mainstream Home to School Transport Policy, attached as updated Appendices B and C. The Cabinet is invited to consider its response to the consultation process set out in the main report and this supplementary report.

#### Recommendations

2. The Cabinet is recommended to note and consider the final responses to the consultation on proposals to change the Mainstream Home to School Transport Policy and charging (attached as updated Appendices B and C).

#### **Reasons for Recommendations**

3. To enable the Cabinet to take into account the final results of the consultation before making a decision on the proposals to change the Mainstream Home to School Transport Policy following the ending of the consultation on 30 June 2013.

## **Results of the Consultation on Concessionary Travel**

- 4. There are currently:
  - 3.500 16+ students
  - 900 denominational pupils
  - · 400 farepayers
- 5. There were 659 responses to this consultation.
- 6. For age 16 + transport to colleges and sixth forms:
  - 90% of respondents disagreed with the proposal to remove the subsidy from post-16 transport
  - 72% agreed that the transport service should remain available for those who wish to cover the full cost

- 87% agreed that the Council should continue to provide transport to those in the second year of 16 plus if the subsidy is withdrawn
- 7. For transport Voluntary Aided (Denominational) Schools
  - 68% disagreed with the proposal to remove the subsidy from denominational support
  - 67% agreed that the transport service should remain available for those who wish to cover the full cost
- 8. For eligibility when a pupil changes address
  - 61% disagreed with the proposal that the Council should remove free or subsidised transport from the new address if a student changes address

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### **Appendices**

Updated Appendix B - details of consultation responses on concessionary travel Updated Appendix C - summary of written responses