

Proposals to Change the Discretionary Elements of Home to School Transport Provision (27 June 2011)

Cabinet portfolio: Mrs S Hohler

Synopsis: The report to Cabinet informed on the outcomes from the consultation on proposals to remove the discretionary elements of home to school transport provision. It included analysis on the impact of the proposals and put forward recommendations for the provision of home to school transport.

Reason for call-in: Members wished to examine the specific impacts upon children from low-income families, the over-representation of consultation respondents living in affluent areas and what was done to mitigate it, and the discretionary element of the policy which is dependent on children from low-income families attending the nearest grammar school.

Recommendations and responses:

- 1. Thank Mrs Hohler, Mr Bagshaw and Mr Roberts for attending the meeting and answering Members' questions.**
- 2. Endorse recommendation (iv) in the report that a further review of transport be carried out in the future, once the outcome of changes to Government policy and the impact upon the parental preferences for schools is known and ask the Leader to ensure that the Education, Learning and Skills Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee is given an opportunity to discuss the review report and make any recommendations to the Cabinet Member.**

Cabinet Member's Response:

Cabinet will ensure that any future reviews of transport are subject to the overview and scrutiny arrangements in place at that time in order that recommendations might be made to the Cabinet Member if necessary.

Date of Response: 6 July 2011

KCC's Performance Management Framework (27 June 2011)

Cabinet portfolio: Mr R Gough

Synopsis: The report to Cabinet set out the steps being taken to:

- review current officer performance arrangements
- introduce an improved performance management framework that will enable effective briefing of Cabinet and into Scrutiny
- develop the improved framework

Reason for call-in: Members had concerns about the proposed mechanism for the reporting of performance management information to Members and the proposed role of the Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee suite in considering performance information.

Recommendations and responses:

1. Thank Mr Gough, Ms Kerswell and Ms Foster for attending the meeting and answering Members' questions.

2. Welcome Mr Gough's assurances that he would be flexible about the development of a mechanism for the reporting of performance management information and that he would be willing to include the Leaders of the other parties as well as the POSC Chairmen, the Leader, Deputy Leader and Mr Lees in the upcoming discussions about the preferred relationship of the POSCs to the performance framework.

Cabinet Member's Response:

The Cabinet Member confirms that he is very happy for Mrs Dean and the various party spokespeople on Cabinet Scrutiny Committee to be part of the wider discussion involving the Leader and others regarding future scrutiny of our performance management framework.

Date of Response: 5 July 2011