By: Head of Democratic Services

To: Regulation Committee – 26 January 2016

Subject: Home to School Transport Appeals update

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: To provide Members with an overview on Home to School

Transport appeal statistics for the period between 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2015 and a brief comparison with

transport appeals statistics from 2011 to 2014.

1. Home to School Transport Appeal Statistics 2014

(1.1) For the period between 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2015 a total of 120 individual appeals were considered by Member Transport Appeal Panels of this Committee 47% were upheld at least in part (e.g time limited assistance). A breakdown of these appeals on a month by month basis is set out in Appendix 1 along with a comparison with appeals held in 2011 to 2014.

(1.2) There are a further 3 appeals that are still waiting to be heard. These have been scheduled for January 2016.

2. Transport Appeal Statistics - 2014

- (2.1) For the period between 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2014 a total of 148 appeals were considered by Transport Appeal Panels. 51% were upheld at least in part (e.g. time-limited assistance).
- (2.2) It is interesting to note that in 2015 68% of the total number appeals were heard between August 31 December 2015.

3. Future Arrangements

(3.1) There will be a training session for Members following this Committee meeting. The Chairman has also agreed that in future there will only be an annual statistical report and that reports to other meetings of the Committee will focus on aspects of Home to School Transport policy.

4. Recommendation Members are asked to note this report.

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TABLE 1
HOME TO SCHOOL
TRANSPORT APPEALS -1 JANUARY – 31 December 2015

Month	Upheld	Not Upheld	Total	% Upheld
January	2	6	8	25%
February	5	2	7	51%
March	4	7	11	36%
April	4	2	6	67%
May	0	0	0	-
June	0	0	0	-
July	2	4	6	33%
August	13	16	29	45%
September	6	4	10	60%
October	8	14	22	36%
November	8	6	14	57%
December	4	3	7	57%
TOTALS	56	64	120	47%

TABLE 2 HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT APPEALS - 2010-2013

Year	Upheld	Not Upheld	Total	% Upheld
2011	23	43	66	35%
2012	26	80	106	24%
2013	33	76	109	30%
2014	76	72	148	51%