

**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL**

**ADULT AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES  
CABINET MEMBER**

**HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT POLICY REVIEW**

**1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT**

- 1.1 To seek approval to consult on proposed changes to the home to school transport policy.

**2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 2.1 There are two home to school transport policies. One is for pupils who have statements of educational needs and need extra support to get to school. The other is for pupils who do not normally need additional support. This report relates to the latter policy.
- 2.2 The policy for Home to School Transport for pupils who do not normally need additional support was reviewed during 2008/09. An updated policy was published in September 2009 to include the new statutory provision for children from low income groups and the phasing out of transport to voluntary aided schools.
- 2.3 The policy has been reviewed to ensure it is fit for purpose. The draft revised policy is attached as Appendix 1. There have been no legislative changes to be implemented. The proposed changes reflect application of the policy in practice and also clarifies certain aspects of the policy.
- 2.4 At 1 March 2012 we transported 2617 pupils to schools and alternative learning placements. This does not include children with statements of educational need who require additional support with transport.
- 2.5 The Home to School Transport policy for pupils with additional needs is also under review.

**3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- 3.1 Appendix 2 provides information about the changes made to the draft policy, and the different options that are available. The recommended option is given in the right hand column of Appendix 2.

#### **4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS**

4.1 Appendix 2 explains the implications of the different options put forward for consideration.

#### **5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)**

##### **5.1 Financial**

Costs will be contained within existing budgets

##### **5.2 Staffing**

There are no staffing implications.

#### **6. OTHER IMPLICATIONS (STATUTORY, ENVIRONMENTAL, DIVERSITY, SECTION 17 - CRIME AND DISORDER, RISK AND OTHER)**

##### **6.1 Environmental**

There are no environmental implications.

##### **6.2 Statutory**

The statutory framework within which home to school transport operates is set out in Appendix A1 of the draft policy.

#### **7. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION**

7.1 A full consultation with parents and schools on the draft revised policy will be carried out before the policy is approved. Consultation should take place over a four week period during term time. It is suggested that this occurs during the first half of term, from mid April – mid May 2012. Appendix 2 can be used as a template for an on line survey, giving consultees an outline description of the proposed change and asking if they agree or disagree with it.

#### **8. RECOMMENDATIONS**

8.1 To confirm the preferred options to be included in the revised policy.

8.2 To approve a consultation with parents and schools on the revised policy during the period during April and May 2012.

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