

Overview & Scrutiny Recommendation Response Pro forma

Under section 9FE of the Local Government Act 2000, Overview and Scrutiny Committees must require the Cabinet or local authority to respond to a report or recommendations made thereto by an Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Such a response must be provided within two months from the date on which it is requested¹ and, if the report or recommendations in questions were published, the response also must be so.

This template provides a structure which respondents are encouraged to use. However, respondents are welcome to depart from the suggested structure provided the same information is included in a response. The usual way to publish a response is to include it in the agenda of a meeting of the body to which the report or recommendations were addressed.

Issue: Home to School Transport Policy

Lead Cabinet Member(s): Cllr Sean Gaul, Cabinet member for Children and Young People

Date response requested:² 15 July 2025

Response to recommendations:

Recommendation	Accepted, rejected or partially accepted	Proposed action (if different to that recommended) and indicative timescale (unless rejected)
1. That the Council should work at pace to organise personal transport budgets with appropriate flexibility to take account of individual circumstances.	Accepted	After engagement with other Local Authorities the Council has developed a Personal Travel Budget which it aims to make available to families during the 2025/26 academic year. The Council will begin by working with a small cohort of families to test and refine the PTB option and the process that will underpin it before a wider roll out across the service. Engagement with the

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		initial cohort begins in August with the aim for some families to begin using a PTB for their Home to School travel needs in early October 2025.
2. That the Council should ensure regular review of the policy is to mean 'annual', subject to legislative changes.	Accepted	The Council will conduct an annual review of it's policies to identify potential alterations to support effective service delivery, improve understanding and support delivery of the Council's wider aims and objectives. Reviews triggered by legislative changes will be conducted as and when necessary.'