

## Annex B - 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 requested<sup>1</sup> 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 Liz Brighthouse, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Children, Education and Young People's Services

**Date response requested:**<sup>2</sup> 18 April 2023

### Response to report:

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### Response to recommendations:

Recommendation	Accepted, rejected or partially accepted	Proposed action (if different to that recommended) and indicative timescale (unless rejected)
The Council engage with schools regarding whether there are circumstances in which they would consider providing home to school		

<sup>1</sup> Date of the meeting at which report/recommendations were received

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<p>transport for pupils entitled under the Home to School Transport policy.</p>		
<p>That Cabinet decide between:  A: Home to School Transport only be provided for post-16 students at the beginning and end of a school day.  B: Budgets to remain the same for travel to after school clubs and respite care, with the Service ensuring that budgets are not overspent.</p>		
<p>The Council pilot adjusting a small number of Home to School Transport routes to fill as many unfilled spare seats as practicable.</p>		
<p>The Council's Home to School Transport Policy be amended so that spare seat prices are commensurate with the cost of providing them, including through the introduction of further price bands which better align with the costs of different routes</p>		
<p>That a moratorium on changes to the Spare Seats Scheme is set up swiftly to allow time for the Council to address outstanding issues.</p>		
<p>The Council reassess Home to School Transport entitlement when a child begins to receive the majority of their tuition at a different site of a split-site school to that in relation to which their transport entitlement was originally assessed. The entitlement to be re-evaluated</p>		

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<p>when they move to the second site or at the start of their tuition, taking both sites into consideration and planning accordingly.</p>		
<p>The Council look at possible exceptions and transitional arrangements to provide spare seats to children if a new school has become the nearest available, but one or more siblings attend the previously nearest school.</p>		
<p>That walking route safety assessments are regularly and consistently reassessed where circumstances may have changed, ensuring councillors are consulted (i.e. at localities meetings) and that data on assessments is made publicly available. Route safety assessments should also consider both short and long term weather conditions.</p>		
<p>The Council to explore investing to save in supporting independent travel by increasing the budget, exploring delivery models and recruiting more independent travel trainers.</p>		
<p>Feedback from transport eligibility appeals to be used to improve digital capabilities (communications, guidance and data collection) and to improve outcomes.</p>		
<p>That the contents of this report be referred to the next Climate Action Program Board.</p>		

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