

Education Scrutiny Committee

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Lobbying e-mails to Councillors

Background

In addition to requests to speak, individual councillors have received a number of lobbying requests. Most councillors have received the same e-mails, there being 11 in total. All e-mails have been read, analysed and written up by council officers in the Chief Executive's Office. The comments have been analysed in the same format as the consultation response. The outlines are summarised below.

Theme	No of times mentioned
Do not think savings are accurate	7
Disruptive/ Detrimental to children's education	6
Disadvantage low income families	5
Define transport areas	4
Parental cost to attend catchment school	4
Additional buses will cost more	3
Undermining parental/child choice	3
Split Communities/ Siblings	2
Schools Capacity	2
Safety	2
Links between secondary and feeder schools	1

As with the main consultation report the alternatives proposed were to look at defining transport areas to reduce the impact of Academies setting wide catchment areas.

There were several comments to suggest that other alternatives should be explored including looking at other authorities.

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