

Education Scrutiny Working Group Scrutiny Observations to Cabinet on: Home to School/College Transport Policy

The Education Scrutiny Working Group met on the 13th March 2018 and considered the draft revised Home to School Transport Policy (undated).

The Group made the following observations to Cabinet/Management Team in respect of the draft revised Home to School/College Transport Policy on 20th March 2018.

The Education Scrutiny Group noted that the Draft Policy was due to come to Cabinet for approval to go to consultation. This policy has been long in coming forward and it is to be welcomed that this is now being brought to Cabinet.

Scrutiny wish to support the application of equity of provision by way of transport to access education via language of choice.

Scrutiny support the application of equity of provision with regard to transport to religious education.

Scrutiny understand the intention to have a single catchment school for each pupil which may be different for English or Welsh speaking provision.

With regard to non-statutory Post-16 Home to School/College Transport scrutiny understand that, given the financial pressures faced by the Council, it may be necessary to revisit a decision not to charge. Rather than have a second round of consultation shortly after the introduction of a new Policy consideration should be given to discussing the charging issue in parallel with the current consultation. Again, equity to all learners is paramount.

Scrutiny welcome the work outlined by the Portfolio Holder on the transformation of the transport network in Powys combining routes for schools, social care and public services to best effect.

Scrutiny welcome the opportunity for further examination of this subject post public consultation.

Membership of the Education Scrutiny Group on 13th March 2018
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