

Home to School Transport

Schools Forum

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Home to School Transport – Purpose of Review

- Ensure new guidance requiring local authorities to consider H2S transport on an individual basis is embedded
- Ensure that the transport provided was done so consistently with relevant legislation.
- End transport arrangements where the relevant legislation criteria were not met.
- Review home to school transport arrangements for children aged 12 and over and recommend appropriate alternative arrangements to encourage life skills and independence.

Home to School Transport – Review Budget

Expenditure on Home to School transport has significantly increased year on year.

18/19 – Budget £1.915m	Spend £2.146m	Overspend £231k	number of children 711
19/20 - Budget £2.225m	Spend £2.316m	Overspend £91k	number of children 656
20/21 - Budget £2.435m	Spend £2.594m	Overspend £159k	number of children 409
21/22 - Budget £2.897m	Spend £3.208m	Overspend £311k	number of children 823
22/23 - Budget £3.240m	Spend £3.902m	Overspend £662k	number of children 678
23/24 - Budget £3.958m	Spend £4.378m	Overspend £420k	number of children 642

Home to School Transport – Improvements Required

- Improve accuracy of data and streamline systems and review and update policies and procedures.
- Improved route optimisation
- Alternatives to taxi's not being routinely considered such as bus passes
- Improve Quality Assurance process and scrutiny of H2S Transport eligibility and decision making.
- Develop offer for young people to prepare them for independent travel and becoming an adult.

Home to School Transport – Independent Travel Trainer

- Travel trainer commenced in post April '24.
- Outcomes of post:
 - Young people travel independently and without fear so they can get to school or college, work and for social and leisure activities.
 - Young People are prepared for safer and more confident engagement with the community by becoming more independent.
 - Parents and carers are reassured that their child is being supported to become more independent and prepared for adulthood.
- A list of young people have been identified, project plan being developed including development of materials and resources and connections has been made with Schools and Transport Providers.