

Record of decision taken under delegated powers by a council officer



Title:	Home to school travel and transport: statutory guidance Government Consultation response
Decision taken under delegation by virtue of:	Scheme of Delegation Section 3, Part 1 – Scheme of Delegation to Officers paragraph 3.8 – Formal Responses to Government papers or other consultations

Summary

Education, Lifelong Learning & Culture Service is responding to the Department for Education Home to School Travel and Transport Statutory Guidance consultation:

The Department for Education is consulting on a revised statutory guidance for local authorities on home to school travel and transport. The guidance was last updated in 2014. There have been no changes to the law. The revised guidance seeks to clarify local authorities' statutory duties in relation to home to school travel and transport policy.

The guidance has been re-organised to assist local authorities putting in place lawful policies which are easy for parents to understand. This includes the use of clear and concise language wherever possible, and the inclusion of examples to explain how statutory duties apply in practice.

A summary of proposed changes included in the draft guidance is as follows:

- New guidance on putting in place local school transport policies, including a checklist
- Additional guidance on the provision of home to school transport for children with special educational needs
- New guidance on the suitability of travel arrangements for children with medical needs

A full copy of the proposed response to the consultation questions is attached.

Decision made

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It was AGREED to submit the proposed attached response to the consultation outlined in the decision sheet.

Reasons for Decision:

The responses to the consultation will be submitted to Government so that it can be

considered in relation to any future decision on the proposal.

Decision taken by:	Dave Hill, Executive Director for Children, Families Lifelong Learning and Culture
Decision taken on:	27 October 2019
Portfolio Holder	Julie Iles, Cabinet Member for All-Age Learning
Portfolio Holder consulted on	27 October 2019
To be submitted on:	31 October 2019

Declarations of conflicts of interest

None

Background Documents

Exempt:

Consultation response document

No