

PLANNING, HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER MEETING 16 August 2006.

Report of the Corporate Director, Regeneration and Community

HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT TO LITTLEOVER COMMUNITY SCHOOL – SERVICE 275

SUMMARY

1.1 Officers have reviewed the operation of home to school transport services provided from Mill Hill Lane to Littleover Community School. On the basis of this review the report recommends changes to the service currently operated. This change will bring about efficiencies while maintaining appropriate levels of service provision to meet the needs of students travelling to and from Littleover Community School.

RECOMMENDATION

2. To reduce the home to school service provision from two double deck buses currently operated in the morning down to one. The change in service to be effective from October half term 2006.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 An assessment of service need has indicated that the provision of a single double deck bus is sufficient to meet the needs of students travelling to Littleover Community School.
- 3.2 Introducing the changes from October 2006 will enable sufficient notice to be provided to students of the proposed changes.
- 3.3 Savings brought about by the changes will help towards maintaining current services to students attending other schools within Derby.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 The Council provides home to school transport to help students travel to and from Littleover Community School and has done so since Local Government Re-Organisation in 1997.
- 1.2 At present we contract two double deck buses in the morning and one double deck bus in the afternoon for this service, which operate on a route to and from Mill Hill Lane.
- 1.3 Our assessment has indicated that an average of 66 students use this service regularly and these can be accommodated on a single double deck bus.

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IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. The current cost for three vehicle trips per day is £366.80, less average expected daily revenue of £30.00. It is anticipated that an annual saving of £19,000 will be achieved .

Legal

2 There are no legal implications.

Personnel

3. There are no personnel implications.

Equalities impact

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Corporate objectives and priorities for change

5. The proposal predominantly comes under the Council's Objective of educating, protecting and supporting people with cost effective services.