

ITEM 5b

HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT FROM SEPTEMBER 2008: **SUMMARY** OF COMPARISONS

The policy replaces the previous separate arrangements for discretionary and faith school transport

Proposal as contained in the Spring 2007 consultation	Proposal as at 31 July 2007 Cabinet taking account of any revisions made in light of the spring consultation	Recommendations of the Commission	Final proposals to Council Cabinet on 15 January
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Payment Frequency and Method 			
Max of 2 payments Method: Cheque Cash Debit card Credit card	As left plus Direct debit over 6 months July to December.	Consider 10 or 12 direct debit payments Consider methods: DCC/Derby Homes cash desks cheque or postal order PayPoint	1 payment, by cash, cheque or postal order in July 2 payments, July and February, by cash, cheque or postal order, if possible direct to Roman House LHO Office 1 cheque in July then 7 direct debits September to March.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual Sum 			
To introduce standard fares of: £320 or £350 each year for primary children depending on age and distance £420 or £500 each year for secondary age pupils depending on distance		No specific recommendation but observation was made that 'the amount Derby City Council proposes to charge per child is substantially higher than other councils'	To introduce standard fares of: £290 each year for primary age pupils. £350 each year for secondary age pupils.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum Household Sum and Discounts 			
	Discount of: 20% for the second fare-paying child and 30% for the third or more fare-paying child in a household Maximum payment of £1000 for an individual household	£1,000 cap is too high and esp for those just free transport threshold for. Derby CC proposal is substantially higher than other councils. Consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a lower maximum charge per household, and/or a limit to the number of children being charged. 	Discount of: 10% for the second fare-paying child and 20% for the third or more fare-paying child in a household Maximum payment of £850 for an individual household
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2007 Faith intake at Roman Catholic schools 			
Charges start in September 2008 but would include children who start in September 2007.		As parents not properly alerted, the new policy must not apply to children starting faith schools in September 2007.	For faith pupils, to apply charges only for those starting at a faith school from September 2008.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitoring of Impact 			
		1.5 As it is not possible to predict the impact of the new policies, there should be monitoring of a) changes to the pattern of parental preferences for, and admissions to, faith schools and	No direct reference in the report but: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> analysis of parental preferences re St Benedicts is being

		<p>b) the environmental impact of the subsequent, actual modal shift: if pupils stop catching the bus do they walk, bike or get driven?</p>	<p>conducted and will be reported to the C&YPC meeting.</p> <p>b) The Asst Director confirmed to the Chair and Vice Chair that changes to transport usage would be monitored through the annual PLASC return to the DCSF from each school each January, which includes method of transport from home to school in its data collection.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy Consultation 			
		<p>Cabinet a) should</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • note the high level of disquiet about it being 28 days duration including the Easter holidays • agree that in future holiday periods should be deducted when calculating the duration of education-related consultation exercises and <p>b) be strongly advised to have further legal advice about the legitimacy of the consultation before taking Key Decision.</p>	<p>Council Cabinet noted the comments of the Commission and resolved to carry out a further period of consultation when the schools returned for the autumn 2007 term.</p>

Examples of impact on family budgets of original and final proposals

Example 1

	Original		Final
2 School age children in family			
Primary	320 lower rate*		290
Secondary	420 lower rate		350
	= 740		= 640
Discount 20% of 320	- 64	Discount 10% of 290	- 29
Payable	676		611

676 – 611 = saving of £65 per year

Example 2

	Original		Final
2 School age children in family			
Primary	350 higher rate*		290
Secondary	500 higher rate		350
	= 850		= 640
Discount 20% of 350	- 70	Discount 10% of 290	- 29
Payable	780		611

780 – 611 = saving of £169 per year

Example 3

	Original		Final
3 School age children in family			
Primary	320 lower rate		290
Secondary	420 lower rate		350
	420 lower rate		350
	= 1160		= 990
Discounts: 20% of 420 30% of 320	- 84 - 96 = 180	Discounts: 10% of 350 20% of 290	- 35 - 58 = 93
Payable	980		897 net but cap of 850

980 – 850 = saving of 130

Comment

The savings shown in the examples are improvements on the original proposals. However, it needs to be borne in mind that for some Roman Catholic families this is entirely new household expenditure.

Note

*The **Original** proposals for 2008 had a lower and higher amount based on age of child and distance involved

£320 each year for **primary** age pupils
Aged 4 – 7 <2miles from school and

Aged 8 – 11 <3 miles from school:

£350 each year for **primary** age pupils

Aged 4 – 7 2+ miles from school and

Aged 8 – 11 3+ miles from school

£420 each year for **secondary** age pupils

Aged 11 – 16 <3 miles from school:

£500 each year for secondary age pupils

Aged 11 – 16 3+ miles from school

The **Final** proposals have one rate for primary and one rate for secondary.

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