

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: 21 MAY 2013 AGENDA ITEM NO. 8

REPORT OF: Director of Lifelong Learning

SUBJECT: HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT POLICY
CHANGES - DENOMINATIONAL TRANSPORT

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That the proposed changes to the Home to school transport policy as detailed in paragraph 3.01 be approved.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

CONSULTATION REQUIRED: Full consultation must be carried out prior to any changes in policy being agreed, to involve all stakeholders likely to be affected by any change: schools, parents, pupils, diocesan authorities.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN: Consultation took place from 1 March to 12 April 2013.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: It is estimated that savings of £70k part year from September to April could be achieved by reducing entitlement to free school transport to denominational schools with a "phased" approach, rising to £100k in a full academic year. These figures (£70k part year rising to £100k full year) are built in to the Council's forward projection of savings in the MTFP. Existing pupils/students registered at a school would still benefit, but new admissions would be subject to the changes. It is difficult to fully identify accurately the consequences of a change in policy as this is dependent upon parental/student preference, where students live, etc.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Councillor R. C. Bithell and Councillor C.

M. Jones.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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SIGNED

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(Proper Officer)