

**FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO:**           **LIFELONG LEARNING OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**DATE:**               **THURSDAY, 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2015**

**REPORT BY:**       **CHIEF OFFICER (EDUCATION AND YOUTH)**

**SUBJECT:**           **SCHOOL TRANSPORT POLICY**

**1.00**   **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

2.01    To provide details of the Council's current School Transport Policy.

**2.00**   **BACKGROUND**

2.01    At the last Lifelong Learning Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 26 February 2015 it was agreed that the School Transport Policy be included on this agenda for Members' consideration.

**3.00**   **CONSIDERATIONS**

3.01    The current School Transport Policy is attached as an appendix for Members' consideration.

3.02    Flintshire makes a higher level of transport provision than legally required. This is reflected in the Council's relatively high expenditure on discretionary transport provision.

3.03    Local Authorities must:

- assess the travel needs of learners in their authority area;
- provide free home to school transport for learners of compulsory school age attending primary school who live 2 miles or further from their nearest suitable school;
- provide free home to school transport for learners of compulsory school age attending secondary school who live 3 miles or further from their nearest suitable school;
- assess and meet the needs of "looked after children" in their authority area;
- promote access to Welsh Medium education; and
- promote sustainable modes of travel.

3.04    The definition of nearest "suitable school" is where the "education or training provided is suitable having regard for the age, ability and aptitudes of the learner and any learning difficulties he or she may have.

**4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS**

4.01 That the School Transport Policy be noted.

**5.00 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.01 None arising as a direct consequence of this report.

**6.00 ANTI POVERTY IMPACT**

6.01 None arising as a direct consequence of this report.

**7.00 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

7.01 None arising as a direct consequence of this report.

**8.00 EQUALITIES IMPACT**

8.01 None arising as a direct consequence of this report.

**9.00 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

9.01 None arising as a direct consequence of this report.

**10.00 CONSULTATION REQUIRED**

10.01 None. However consultation on any changes proposed to the policy must take place with all stakeholders prior to a decision being taken.

**11.00 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN**

11.01 None.

**12.00 APPENDICES**

12.01 Appendix A – School Transport Policy

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT) 1985  
BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

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