

Appendix 10: School Transport – Historical Anomalies

Route Details and Issues	Option to Manage Arrangement	Significant Implications / Impact / Efficiency
<p>Breakfast Clubs – Double running / separate journeys to Ysgol Pencoch, Flint</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approx. 30 eligible pupils with special educational needs (SEN) transported • Transport is normally only provided at school start and finish times • Over the years, additional transport has been provided for pupils attending breakfast club at Ysgol Pencoch in Flint over and above the existing Policy • This has resulted in some routes double-running and some pupils requiring separate journeys and therefore additional costs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply policy for all new starters from September 2018 (academic year 2018-2019) i.e. when exercising functions under the Learner Travel Measure the local authority is not required to take account of extra-curricular activities, breakfast or after-school clubs when assessing learner travel needs. • Retain service for pupils currently transported, but phase out service as pupils leave school: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget implications if continued <p>Current Cost:</p> <p>Saving: 2019/20: £0 2020/21: £0 2021/22: £16,454.00 2022/23: £18,411.00</p> <p>Total estimated saving by 2023: £34,865.00</p>
<p>S12 bus service (P&O Lloyd) to Connah’s Quay H.S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of a public service registered double-decker to transport approx. 75 pupils from Llwyni Drive / Wepre to Connah’s Quay High School on school days only. • None of the pupils transported are eligible for free home to school transport and pupils are attending their nearest appropriate school and are within a safe walking distance of the school. • There is nothing on record to demonstrate how this service has come about, but the service has been provided for approx. 12 years 	<p>Undertake consultation on future provision of service with pupils and school to understand the demand and consider the following options:</p> <p>Option 1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Withdraw the service completely from 1st April 2019 <p>Option 2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise fares to cover full operating costs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget implications if continued • Increase in number of pupils walking to school or congestion at the school i.e. adequate footpath capacity / parent drop-off facilities <p>Option 1 Current Cost: £31,350 per annum Saving: £31,350 per annum</p> <p>Option 2 Current Cost: £31,350 per annum Expected residual cost for transporting eligible children only: £0K – no eligible children travelling Saving: Dependent on take-up of new fare structure</p>
<p>School journeys on the 9/X9 bus service (Stagecoach) from Shotton, Connah’s Quay to Mold Campus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The public service bus operates under contract to FCC. • The service carries fare paying passengers as well as pupils. • In September 2017, the journeys at the school times have been oversubscribed with double the number of anticipated pupils travelling on the service and FCC had no option but to pay for 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide dedicated school buses for eligible pupils (will require notice to existing operator, Traffic Commissioner and re-procurement). • Implementation from 1st January 2019 • Sell concessionary spare seats (on application) on the school buses to non-eligible pupils who were 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget implications if continued • 9/X9 may be withdrawn under the subsidised bus network review process • Siblings may not be eligible for transport to the same school. • Information to be presented in school prospectus to inform

<p>additional capacity to be provided on safety grounds (i.e. an extra bus).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are approx. 70 non-eligible pupils travelling on the school journeys, who pay a fare and do not attend their nearest appropriate school. • There are 21 eligible pupils travelling on the service, who qualify under the Council's Welsh Medium and post-16 eligibility criteria 	<p>enrolled at either Mold Alun or Ysgol Maes Garmon up to and including September 2017.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase out service over 5 year period • Undertake consultation from 1st September 2018 to inform pupils / parents of intended withdrawal of the service. • Undertake consultation with Mold Alun High School from September 2018 (minimum 2 months' notice) 	<p>Current Cost: £52,250 per annum</p> <p>Expected residual cost for transporting eligible children only: £35K per annum</p> <p>Saving: Dependent on take-up of concessionary spare seats once implemented</p>
<p>School journeys on the SP1/SP2 bus service (Stagecoach) from Garden City, Queensferry to Buckley Elfed High School and Mold Campus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The public service bus operates under contract to FCC. • The service carries fare paying passengers as well as pupils. • In September 2017, the journeys at the school times have been oversubscribed with double the number of anticipated pupils travelling on the service and FCC had no option but to pay for additional capacity to be provided on safety grounds (i.e. an extra bus). • There are approx. 70 non-eligible pupils travelling on the school journeys, who pay a fare and do not attend their nearest appropriate school. • There are 15 eligible pupils travelling on the service, who qualify under the Council's Welsh Medium and post-16 eligibility criteria 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide dedicated school buses for eligible pupils (will require notice to existing operator, Traffic Commissioner and re-procurement). • Implementation from 1st January 2019 • Sell concessionary spare seats (on application) on the school buses to non-eligible pupils who were enrolled at either Mold Alun, Ysgol Maes Garmon, Buckley Elfed High School up to and including Sept 2017. • Phase out service over 5 year period • Undertake consultation from 1st September 2018 to inform pupils / parents of intended withdrawal of the service. • Undertake consultation with Buckley Elfed and Mold Alun High School - September 2018 (minimum 2 months' notice) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget implications if continued • Siblings may not be eligible for transport to the same school. • Information to be presented in school prospectus to inform <p>Current Cost: £52,250 per annum</p> <p>Expected residual cost for transporting eligible children only: £30K per annum</p> <p>Saving: Dependent on take-up of concessionary spare seats once implemented</p>
<p>Z125 (P&O Lloyd) school/service bus from Greenfield, Holywell, Halkyn (Windmill) and Rhosesmor to Mold Campus.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The public service registered bus operates under contract to FCC. • The service carries fare paying passengers as well as pupils, but is not widely advertised to the general public • There are approx. 50 non-eligible pupils travelling on the school journeys, who pay a fare and do not attend their nearest appropriate school. • There are 20 eligible pupils travelling on the service, who qualify under the Council's Welsh Medium and post-16 eligibility criteria 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide dedicated school buses for eligible pupils (will require notice to existing operator, Traffic Commissioner and re-procurement). • Implementation from 1st January 2019 • Sell concessionary spare seats (on application) on the school bus to non-eligible pupils who were enrolled up to and including Sept 2017. • Phase out service over 5 year period • Undertake consultation from 1st September 2018 to inform pupils / parents of intended withdrawal of the service. • Undertake consultation with Mold Alun High school - September 2018 (minimum 2 months' notice) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget implications if continued • Increase in number of pupils walking to school or congestion at the school i.e. adequate footpath capacity / parent drop-off facilities • Siblings may not be eligible for transport to the same school. • Information to be presented in school prospectus to inform <p>Current Cost: £43,975 per annum</p> <p>Expected residual cost for transporting eligible children only: £30K per annum</p> <p>Saving: Dependent on take-up of concessionary spare seats once implemented</p>

<p>Transport provision for students to attend FUSE Drama Group at Theatre Clwyd, Mold (evenings only)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport service is for approx. 8 students to attend weekly evening workshops for children and young adults with additional needs. • There is no record of how this arrangement has come about historically, but it appears to have been operating for a number of years (i.e. 6+ years). • The transport service is discretionary and does not form part of the Home to School transport provision. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Withdraw the service on 1st February 2019 • Look to include the current students on a future local transport arrangement service. • Undertake consultation with workshop to notify attendees that the service will stop on September 2018 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget implications if continued <p>Current cost: £2K per annum</p> <p>Saving: £2K</p>
<p>Historical anomalies where transport has been granted on a discretionary basis to pupils who are not attending their nearest appropriate school.</p> <p>a) Leeswood to Castell Alun H.S. when nearest school is Mold Alun High School</p> <p>b) Bagillt to Flint High School when nearest school to Holywell High School</p> <p>c) Treuddyn to Ysgol Parc y Llan when nearest school is Ysgol Derwenfa, Leeswood</p> <p>d) Penyffordd & Penymynydd to Castell Alun H.S. when nearest school is Buckley Elfed High School</p> <p>e) Northop Hall to Hawarden High school when nearest school is Connah’s Quay High School.</p> <p>The above list is not exhaustive and there may be others</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply transport policy on a phased approach for all new starters and only provide home to school transport to nearest appropriate school • Implementation from September 2018 (outcome letters are being sent to parents over the summer period June-August 2018) • Honour those pupils currently travelling. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget implications • Some pupils may still qualify for free school transport to their nearest appropriate school and therefore there would be no budget saving for withdrawal of the discretionary transport and application of the policy in all cases • If a phased approach introduced, there may be siblings who may qualify and some who do not resulting in a 2-tiered approach <p>Saving: None identified</p>