

Title of Report:	Home to school transport
Report to be considered by:	Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission
Date of Meeting:	21 January 2014

Purpose of Report: To provide for the Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission a scope of the examination of the implications of the recent changes to the home to school transport policy.

Recommended Action: To note the report and carry out scrutiny on the item.

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Executive Report

1. Introduction

- 1.1 At its meeting of 29 October 2013 the Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission (OSMC) resolved to undertake a review of the recent changes that have been made to the home to school transport policy. The members of the Commission agreed that the review should be carried out during the OSMC meeting of 10 December.

2. Scope of the review

- 2.1 In line with the submission from Councillor Allen proposing the subject, the Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission may wish to consider:
- (1) the extent to which the revised policy supports the Council priority of 'Improving Education'
 - (2) the road safety implications
 - (3) whether the fares being paid provide value for money
 - (4) the number of students who are no longer eligible
 - (5) the arrangements being made by those who are no longer eligible
 - (6) the provision being made for students statutorily remaining in post-16 education
 - (7) the consultation process undertaken prior to the adoption of the new policy.
- 2.2 Caroline Corcoran, the Service Manager in Education with responsibility for the home to school transport policy, will attend the meeting to answer members' questions.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 It is recommended that members of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission carry out scrutiny into the impact of the changes to the home to school transport policy and make recommendations for improvement as appropriate.

Appendices

There are no appendices to this report.

Consultees

Local Stakeholders: None

Officers Consulted: None

Trade Union: N/A