

Title of Report:	Item Called-In following an Individual Decision
	Home to School Transport Policy 2011-12
Report to be considered by:	Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission
Date of Meeting:	3 August 2010
Forward Plan Ref:	ID2140

Purpose of Report: To review the Individual Decision to approve the Home to School Transport Policy for 2011-12.

Recommended Action: That the Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission examine the decision and make further recommendations as appropriate.

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Supporting Information

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Local Authorities are required to determine a Home to School and College Transport Policy annually. This forms part of West Berkshire's Parents Guide to Admissions which is published each September.
- 1.2 Following a period of consultation it was proposed that the policy for 2011/12 remained unchanged from the 2010/11 policy other than to apply inflation of approximately 1.9% to the charges made for the fare-paying scheme. This increase was clearly detailed in the consultation document.

2. Executive Consideration

- 2.1 The Home to School Transport Policy 2011-12 was considered as an Individual Decision on 15 July 2010 where it was resolved that the Policy would be approved.

3. Call-In of the Decision

- 3.1 In accordance with the Council's Constitution five Elected Members (Councillors Jeff Brooks, Gwen Mason, Julian Swift-Hook, Tony Vickers and Keith Woodhams) called in the Individual Decision on the basis that:
 - (1) The Policy does not make reference to any consultation with Transport Policy Officers or the Transport Portfolio Holder.
 - (2) There is a need to raise awareness of the wider implications of this report. For example on p.12 (p.14 of the OSMC papers) "Environmental: Mone" (sic) which shows no thought was given to implications for the Council or the district's carbon footprint (or school run congestion) of ignoring potential of cycling.
 - (3) Members would like to see more evidence of 'joined up thinking' over the fact that we have a policy of providing every child with free cycling proficiency training in yr.6, so they can cycle to secondary school. This is not evidenced in the report.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 That the Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission examine the decision and make further recommendations as appropriate.

Appendices

Appendix A – Individual Decision report – Home to School Transport Policy 2011-12