

## WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A KEY DECISION CABINET

<b>ITEM:</b>	<b>HOME TO SCHOOL TRAVEL - JANUARY 2014</b>
Members Present:	Councillors: AW Johnson (Leader), H Bramer, J Millar, PM Morgan (Deputy Leader), GJ Powell, PD Price.
Date of Decision:	13 March 2014
Exempt:	No
Confidential	No
<p>This is a key decision because</p> <p>It is likely to be significant in terms of its effects on-</p> <p>Two or more Wards or electoral divisions;</p> <p>One Ward (unless the number of those affected is very small or it is impractical to treat this as a key decision).</p>	
<p>A notice has been served in accordance with Part 3, Section 10 (General Exception) of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) Regulations 2012.</p>	
Urgency/Special Urgency: (As defined in Constitution)	No
Purpose:	To confirm a revised implementation date of September 2015 for the policy changes agreed by Cabinet in December 2013.
<b>Decision:</b>	<p><b>THAT:</b></p> <p>(a) the implementation date for the policy changes agreed by Cabinet in December 2013 be amended to September 2015, having the following effect:</p> <p>(b) to withdraw the Herefordshire free home to school transport policy eligibility based upon nearest and catchment school and replace with eligibility based upon:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">i) nearest suitable school with places,</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">ii) where the nearest suitable school is in Wales, transport will be provided to that nearest school or the nearest school in England;</p> <p>(c) To withdraw from September 2015 free transport for Herefordshire post 16 years with SEN and replace with the requirement for all post 16 years with SEN to pay the same contribution as all other post 16 students.</p>

	<p><b>(d) To apply the policy change in (b) only to those children newly entering a school from September 2015.</b></p> <p><b>The implications of these policy changes are reviewed annually or sooner in the event that the impact of the proposed changes is materially worse than anticipated.</b></p>
Reasons for the Decision:	To determine how the one-off funding approved by Council as part of the budget is to be applied and to ensure that any period of uncertainty for parents, schools and transport operators is minimised.
Options Considered:	<p>Not to amend the implementation date. Council have approved a budget with a view to enabling a change in implementation date to allow schools and parents greater time to plan for change; although not to amend the date would deliver savings it would not allow for the planning time desired.</p> <p>The policy changes be introduced in September 2015 but exclude some year groups. Parents/carers who had made choices about school based on transport entitlement would be faced with having to make further choices while their child was settled at a school.</p>
Conflict of Interest ■ (See below):	
Date the key decision is due to take effect:	19 March 2014

**COUNCILLOR AW JOHNSON:** .....Date: 13 March 2014  
**LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

■ a record of any conflict of interest declared by any executive member who is consulted by the member which relates to the decision;

And

■ in respect of any declared conflict of interest, a note of dispensation granted by the relevant local authority's head of paid service.