

Baugh, Ben

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 January 2014 21:57
To: Baugh, Ben
Subject: General Overview and Scrutiny Meeting for School Transport

Dear Mr Baugh,

I have been given your details with regard to Scrutiny meeting concerning school transport, please find below questions I would like ask.

Can assurance be given, that every opportunity, using more than one means of communication, has been taken to fully consult with all stakeholders, including parents/carers and transport providers, before this decision was made?

Can it be clarified, how council has taken the views of the consultation into consideration, to make an informed decision?

Is it clearly demonstrate that consideration has been given to models from neighbouring counties who have gone through similar processes?

Can the cost per child presented, (£720) be justified given that it is disproportionate to the costs in other counties?

Have Council presented clear financial models or analyses, which demonstrate the impact savings from this single budget will have on the budgets in other areas?

Has council given due consideration to the impact on Herefordshire school budgets and on the future economic viability of Herefordshire County?

How will Council members be held to account without viable forecasting evidence?

Can council clarify the additional cost of more buses that be needed to address different year groups going to different schools.

At a further cost to council, how will widespread policies change to reflect this single change, as it leaves much confusion?

Have council considered the long term negative economic impact on Herefordshire communities where the designated school is not the nearest school?

Is council satisfied that future generations educated out of County may not return to Herefordshire?

Thank you.