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Subject: Changes to Herefordshire Schools Transport - Scrutiny Questions

Dear Mr Baugh -

I contributed to the consultation relating to the above issue.

I have not received an update from the council but would be grateful if the following questions could be passed to the General Overview & Scrutiny Committee due to meet on 15th January:

Can the committee confirm exactly what savings will be made if the proposed change to school transport takes place?
Is there a possibility that the proposed change - and added complexity of providing transport - will cost more than the current system?

Can the committee confirm that Herefordshire Council has considered the indirect costs associated with making the proposed change ie. Significant reduction of funding to schools/associated teacher redundancy costs/school closure costs?

Can the committee be sure that there are not more logical and effective ways of delivering a cost saving to the area of school transport? e.g. Re-negotiation of transport contracts/Working with schools to stagger the school day

Is the committee confident that a robust and far-reaching consultation process took place given that children across the county may have to change schools i.e.. Was every family affected by the potential change contacted?

If the proposed change takes place and savings are not achieved, is there a possibility the council may reverse its decision and adversely interrupt affected children's education once again?

Is the committee prepared to allow the council to discriminate against families unable to pay for transport to their existing catchment/county schools?

Is the committee prepared to allow the council to interrupt and adversely affect the education - and therefore potential - of vulnerable children including those who have been adopted within Herefordshire?

Many thanks.

