



10th January 2014

Dear Sir,

School Transport

I am writing to you so that you can forward my questions to the scrutiny committee which will be meeting on 15th January 2014; in connection with the School Transport Decision made on the 19th December 2013.

a) Why has there been no in-depth cost analysis based on nearest school in county?

As according to your figures 180 pupils live nearer other authorities. If they left the area the council would lose approx £720,000 a year (pupil premium) whilst still paying out £144,000 to bus them there. Where is the saving?

b) Could the proposal of schools running their own buses (as in many other authorities); with a subsidy provide by the council not be looked into further?

As there appears to are no financial models done on this. Schools know where there pupils come from and how they are actually transported.

c) The cost analysis based on the decision being implemented over two years; would not achieve the £250,000 savings immediately as there would be duplicate buses running.

Wouldn't this be costing more in real terms for the next two years?

d) Have the bus companies been informed/consulted?

As some pupils catch the public transport costing £450 per year. The council are already saving £350 a year per pupil. If this was multiplied by the estimated 800 pupils this decision affects, the council could save £325,000 per year.

Could this cost analysis not be looked into?

I hope that some of these questions along with many others which are being raised will be looked at and raised at this meeting. As I feel that the consultation process has been hurried and not all avenues explored.

Yours faithfully,

 Parent of JHMS School Pupil