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Question to the General Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 15<sup>th</sup> January 2014

'Are all Councillors fully satisfied that open and transparent discussion has taken place and are they aware of the implications on rural primary schools by changing the criteria to 'nearest school' i.e. children currently attending one school will be split resulting in half of their home village being nearer one school and the other half being nearer their current school? Are Herefordshire Council going to provide free transport to both nearest schools? Can the Council show a cost saving in that instance? Within the discussion papers on which the decision was made, no mention was made of implications on primary schools other than the Year 6 transition to Secondary school. However, given the scenario above, children from all year groups will be affected; thereby having an impact on budgets culminating possibly in the closure of smaller village schools.

What is the definitive cost saving figure?'

Given all of the above, I wish this question to be answered under Para. 5.2 (a) of the Call-In Reasoning i.e. 'make sure the action is proportionate to what the Council wants to happen'

**S LOSH**  
Chair of Governors



