

**Baugh, Ben**

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**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** 10 January 2014 16:26  
**To:** Baugh, Ben  
**Subject:** Scrutiny Questions for January 15th- School Transport.

Dear Ben,

The agenda for next week has asked for questions by 5.00pm today. Please see below, thank you. I have highlighted text straight from the report. For clarity "you/your" is directed at Cllr Johnson as Leader of the Council.

10.10 The consultation responses also raised concerns about the ability of parents to pay, particularly those on low incomes. The Council's transport policy will continue to include extended rights to free transport for students from disadvantaged backgrounds and this will mitigate effects for those students eligible for this support.

What strategy is in place to support families, when parents enter into employment and are no longer entitled to Free Transport?

Who will support families with changes of school uniform if children are forced to change schools? Please take into account middle income families who are not receipt of benefits.

Why is this policy being rushed through for Sept 2014? When your own Local Authority School Admissions policy clearly states all entries must be in by end of 2013. Families have chosen school for many reasons and not been able to factor in transport costs

The Council's priority areas are, within the resource available to us, to keep children and young people safe,

and give them a great start in life, enable residents to live safe, healthy and independent lives,

and invest in projects to improve roads, create jobs and build more homes.

**In you policy statement you state and give them a great start in life.**

How will you measure the effect of this decision will make on Children and Young People?

For example a family with a 14 Year old having started GCSE's in one school, younger siblings in now forced to attend an out of county high school with different term dates.(This will split households and rural communities.)

New Central Government policy clearly states Head teachers may not permit holidays in term times unless in exceptional circumstances. Therefore if the family takes a holiday outside of the out of county term times, they will liable for prosecution.

This School Transport policy is not joined up with your Priorities or your other school admission policies.

Although you have received a huge amount of replies to your consultation, you have failed to consult directly with Parish Councils in villages adjoining other counties. Therefore failing in your duties as a democratic council.

I am sorry , due to work commitments I am unable to attend on January 15th.

many thanks,

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