

Baugh, Ben

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Sent: 10 January 2014 16:51
To: Baugh, Ben
Subject: FAO Scrutiny committee on 15th Jan re School transport

Dear Mr Bough,
 Please submit my letter below to the Scrutiny Committee meeting re school transport on 15 January,
 Thank you,
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The cost of operating a bus service cannot be properly assessed by reference only to expense incurred in providing the bus service itself.

There are other wider issues to be considered many of which have financial implications far in excess of the cost of providing the bus service and manifestly much greater than any potential saving to be made in the school transport budget.

Listed below are some of the issues which need to be addressed and fully costed in **SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL TERMS** before implementation of cost-cutting exercise based on the bus running costs alone.

Under the Freedom of Information Act I shall be requiring full disclosure relating to (a) the extent of the aspects considered and research undertaken

- (b) the qualifications and experience of the person or persons undertaking the research
- (c) details of the publication of that research and when and whom the research was made available
- (d) the extent to which these wider issues have been considered by the committee taking the decision.

Listed below are some of the issues that need to be addressed,

- 1) The significant potential loss of pupils and the consequential revenue implications for John Masfield High School
- 2) The loss of trading revenue in Ledbury town
- 3) The financial implications of losing revenue from the county into Worcestershire
- 4) The consequence of families being split with children in different schools
- 5) The proposed upheaval of pupils in yr7-9 that will have to change schools
- 6) The incidental cost to parents e.g cost of school uniforms
- 7) Re arranging child care in different location for working parents, e.g collection of children out of hours from different locations
- 8) The very serious loss of choice for the parents concerned which will inevitably discriminate against the disadvantaged families.

Whilst as a policy for the county as a whole the cost cutting exercise may be acceptable, the social and financial implications for the schools and parents residing in the extremities of the county ought to receive special treatment and their needs must be properly investigated and researched before implementing a decision in these marginal areas .

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 JMHS parent governor