

Wiltshire Council

Cabinet

14 June 2011

Public Participation
From Father Jean-Patrice Coulon – Denominational Home to School Transport

Question

I would like to request that the Cabinet consider alternative arrangements for deciding the school transport proposal on 26th July. It has come to my attention that several parents, including the head teacher of St Augustine's Catholic College will not be able to attend, as this date falls in the first week of the school holidays, and they have family holidays which they have booked months in advance. In the interests of "Local, open, honest discussion", I would ask that the meeting is either deferred to September, or that there is a meeting beforehand, with representatives of the Council meeting representatives of the parents.

Such a meeting was arranged in 2007 when this was discussed, and the sports hall was filled with parents. This would suggest to me that the venue of Bradley Road for the Cabinet meeting would not be big enough, and so this "Pre-meeting" would be a case of best practice and would demonstrate the Council's intention to listen to tax payers.

Response

An oral response will be given at the meeting