

## **Wiltshire Council**

### **Cabinet**

**14 June 2011**

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### **Public Participation From Sharon Pearce – Denominational Home to School Transport**

#### **Question**

This is in response to a letter received from the Department of Neighbourhood and Planning, at County Hall, dated May 2011.

1) Does the council provide transport to work for any of its employees (ie transport that is not available to members of the public who may be travelling to the same or a near location)? If so what is the extent, how long has this been in effect and what is the cost?

2) Does the council provide transport for any of its employees to travel on a regular basis from one official site to another (again, transport that is not available to members of the public who may be travelling to the same or a near location)? If so what is the extent, how long has this been in effect, and what is the cost?

The following questions are regarding the planning that must have taken place to ensure the feasibility of the proposals:

3) What consideration has been given to the impact of the corresponding increase in traffic as parents drive their children to denominational schools? How was this information gleaned, how large was the sample group, and from which parts of the area was the sample group taken?

4) What is the extent of this traffic increase, and what routes will be particularly affected?

5) What will be the impact on other schools taking children who will have to change schools following the withdrawal/unaffordability of denominational transport? How was this information gleaned, how large was the sample group, and from which parts of the area was the sample group taken?

6) Is it known which schools will be affected? If so, can they be listed and made available to the public?

7) What provision is being made at these schools identified as potentially having to take children who will have to move schools as a result of the change in transport arrangements? (eg increase in running costs funding, capital investment, etc)

The final one is about the impact of choice on parents and children who do not attend denominational schools:

8) What is the estimated extent of the impact on parents who will no longer be able to send their children to their first choice school due to the school having to take children who previously attended denominational schools?