

AGENDA

Meeting: DENOMINATIONAL HOME-TO-SCHOOL TRANSPORT -
RAPID SCRUTINY EXERCISE

Place: Council Chamber - Council Offices, Monkton Park, Chippenham

Date: Thursday 8 September 2011

Time: 6.30 pm

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Membership:

Cllr Peter Davis
Cllr Mark Griffiths
Cllr Jacqui Lay
Mr Neil Owen

Mrs Rosheen Ryan
Cllr Carole Soden
Dr Mike Thompson

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1. **Election of Chairman**

To elect a Chairman for the rapid scrutiny exercise.

2. **Apologies for Absence**

To receive apologies for absence.

3. **Declarations of Interest**

To receive declarations of interest.

4. **Public Participation**

The Council welcomes contributions from members of the public. This meeting is open to the public, who may ask a question or make a statement.

Written notice of questions or statements should be given to Henry Powell of Democratic Services by **12.00 noon on Tuesday 6th September 2011**. Anyone wishing to ask a question or make a statement should contact the officer named above.

Due to the level of public interest in the issue to be discussed at this meeting, members of the public wishing to make a statement are respectfully asked, where possible, to liaise with others in order to reduce repetition of points and information. This request is intended to enable a more efficient meeting for all.

5. **Denominational Home-to-School Transport**

On 22nd July 2011, the Children's Services Select Committee received a report containing proposals to Cabinet to change the funding of Denominational Home-to-School Transport in Wiltshire.

Having discussed the report, the Committee resolved to undertake a rapid scrutiny exercise at a later date in order to allow members more time with the information included. Members asked that further analyses of the anticipated savings and potential risks of the proposals be provided at the rapid scrutiny meeting. It was also agreed that this meeting would include an opportunity for public participation.

A report from the Corporate Director for Neighbourhood & Planning is attached,

seeking Cabinet approval for a change to the Council's Education Transport Policy, including the withdrawal of denominational transport assistance with effect from September 2012. Cabinet will take its decision on this matter on 13th September. Additional information requested by members is also attached.

Members are asked to consider the information provided and, if appropriate, make recommendations to Cabinet who will consider this matter on 13th September.

Documents attached

- A. Guide to the Denominational Home-to-School Transport rapid scrutiny exercise
(pages 1-8)
- B. Denominational Home-to-School Transport – report of the Director of Neighbourhood & Planning, to Cabinet on 13th September
(pages 9-26)
- C. Additional information for the rapid scrutiny exercise
(pages 27-60)