

APPENDIX 1A – Responses to multiple choice questions

Proposed changes to education transport for post 16 students, grammar school pupils, and the ‘continuity transport’ policy

Before completing the consultation questions, please read the factsheet that explains the current situation, the alternatives being considered and gives some estimates of possible savings.

Responses must reach us by 12.00 noon on 19 October 2014

Do not enclose transport applications or other correspondence with your response. All responses will be taken into consideration in reaching a decision; however Wiltshire Council will not acknowledge receipt of your response or reply directly to any questions posed in it.

For the full fact sheet please visit <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/consultation-post-16-fact-sheet.pdf>

Bearing in mind need for the council to make financial savings, and its priorities of protecting vulnerable people, boosting the local economy and bringing communities together:

1. How far do you agree or disagree with the following statements about post 16 transport?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
It's not a statutory responsibility so the council should try and recover the costs	18 (6.0%)	30 (10.0%)	26 (8.7%)	87 (29.1%)	138 (46.2%)
The proposals to increase the charges seem reasonable in the circumstances	16 (5.4%)	42 (14.1%)	18 (6.1%)	72 (24.2%)	149 (50.2%)
It's right to provide greater support for those from low income families	92 (30.8%)	107 (35.8%)	57 (19.1%)	25 (8.4%)	18 (6.0%)

2. How far do you agree or disagree with the following statements about transport to Grammar schools?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
The council should not be expected to pay for those choosing to attend a grammar school where this is not their nearest school	47 (15.5%)	22 (7.3%)	11 (3.6%)	30 (9.9%)	193 (63.7%)
The proposals to introduce a charge seem reasonable in the circumstances	39 (13.0%)	34 (11.3%)	10 (3.3%)	41 (13.7%)	176 (58.7%)
It is right that there should be support for those from low income families to attend a grammar school	120 (39.7%)	97 (32.1%)	42 (13.9%)	24 (7.9%)	19 (6.3%)

3. How far do you agree or disagree with the following statements about continuity transport?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Where parents choose to move to another area the council should not have to pay for continuity transport	74 (24.7%)	113 (37.8%)	43 (14.4%)	49 (16.4%)	20 (6.7%)
In exceptional circumstances where moving to another area is forced on people the council should continue to pay for continuity transport	83 (28.2%)	144 (49.0%)	41 (13.9%)	13 (4.4%)	13 (4.4%)

Please tell us how the proposals would affect you and your family;

Post 16 transport

Please complete the following questions if a member of your household will be or intends to be in full time post 16 education in September 2015 or later and would be affected by the proposed higher charge.

4. If the council was to increase the charges for post 16 transport as proposed, what if any impact do you think this would have on their plans for post 16 education? (please tick one only)

- 75 (29.3%) I don't think it would change their plans
- 135 (52.7%) It would make them consider going to a different school or college
- 46 (18.0%) They would decide not to go to school or college at all

5. If the council was to increase the charges for post 16 transport as proposed, would this cause financial hardship for your household? (please tick one only)

- 72 (28.5%) Yes, it would cause significant hardship
- 137 (54.2%) Yes, it would cause some hardship
- 44 (17.4%) No, not really

Grammar school transport

Please complete the following questions if a member of your household intends to apply for a place at either of the Salisbury grammar schools to start in September 2015 or a later year;

6. What impact would the proposal have on this person's education?

- 117 (65.4%) It would not change his / her plans
- 62 (34.6%) He / she would go to a different school or college

7. Would the proposal cause financial hardship for your household?

- 71 (39.9%) Yes, significant hardship
- 86 (48.3%) Yes, some hardship
- 21 (11.8%) No, not really

Continuity transport

- 8. If you think you may be affected by the withdrawal of this policy, please explain what impact this will have on your family:**
92 (100.0%) (responses summarised in Appendix 1B)

Additional comments

- 9. If you would you like to suggest any changes to Wiltshire Council's proposals that would improve them or any alternative proposals that would be better, please explain them below:**
130 (100.0%) (responses summarised in Appendix 1B)
- 10. If you would like to make any other comments not mentioned above, please add them here**
178 (100.0%) (responses summarised in Appendix 1B)

About You

Wiltshire Council is committed to ensuring that our services, policies and practices are free from discrimination and prejudice and that they meet the needs of all the community. For us to check we are providing fair and effective services, we would be grateful if you would answer the questions below. You are under no obligation to provide the information requested, but it would help us greatly if you do.

The information you provide will be treated in the strictest of confidence and may be passed on to other services within the Council, who will use it for the same purposes. The information you provide on this form will be processed in accordance with the requirements of the Data Protection Act 1998 and will not be passed onto any third party. At all times, it will be treated as confidential and used only for the purpose of this consultation and for equality monitoring. All personal information held by Wiltshire Council is held safely in a secure environment. Thank you for your assistance.

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<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/dataprotectionandfoi/dataprotection/privacy.htm>

Please answer these questions as they relate to whoever is completing this questionnaire.

- 11. Please enter your postcode: (Format BA14 8JN)**
251 (100.0%)
- 12. Please give your age: (Whole numbers only)**
256 (100.0%)
- 13. Are you:**
87 (32.0%) Male
185 (68.0%) Female
- 14. How do you describe your ethnic origin? (Please read carefully before selecting the ethnic group that you feel most closely reflects your background)**
250 White (e.g. British, Scottish) (96.5%)
1 (0.4%) Mixed (e.g. White and Asian)
1 (0.4%) Asian or Asian British
0 (0.0%) Black or Black British
7 (2.7%) Other Ethnic Group

15. Do you consider yourself to have a disability?

9 (3.4%) Yes

252 (96.6%) No

16. If you have answered 'yes', please select the definition/s from the list below that best describes your impairment:

5 (50.0%) Physical or mobility impairment

1 (10.0%) Mental health condition

4 (40.0%) Long standing illness or health condition (e.g. cancer, HIV, diabetes, chronic heart disease or epilepsy)

1 (10.0%) Sensory Impairment

0 (0.0%) Learning disability / difficulty

1 (10.0%) Other

Please specify

0 (0.0%)

Thank you for completing this survey.

Please press the submit button only once to send in your response.

If you have any queries about this consultation please email educationtransport@wiltshire.gov.uk using the words "Post 16 Transportation Consultation" in the subject.