

Report to: **Scrutiny Committee for Children's Services**

Date: **23 March 2006**

By: **Chairman of the Project Board**

Title of report: **Scrutiny review of the School Admissions and Home to School Transport**

Purpose of report: **To present the outcomes of the review and propose recommendations for improvements to the service.**

RECOMMENDATION – that the Committee considers the report of the Project Board and makes recommendations to Cabinet for comment and County Council for approval.

1. Financial Appraisal

1.1 There are no specific financial implications arising from the recommendations in the Project Board report.

2. Supporting Information

2.1 The attached report contains the findings and recommendations of the Project Board. Supporting documentation can be made available in the Members' Room upon request.

2.2 The Project Board comprised of Sam Gregory (Chair), Councillor Rosalyn St Pierre and Councillor Sylvia Tidy.

2.3 The Board met on ten occasions and took evidence from thirteen witnesses. A questionnaire was circulated to head teachers and chairs of governors at schools for which the Children's Services Authority is the admissions authority and there was a 37% response rate to it. Officers in the Admissions and Transport team were consulted and evidence was also provided by other county councils with regard to discretionary transport and admission appeal panels.

2.4 The Committee is recommended to receive the Project Board's report for submission to Cabinet on 2 May 2006.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Supporting evidence and information