

Report to: **Scrutiny Committee for Children's Services**  
Date: **20 June 2007**  
Title of report: **Call-in – regarding assistance with transport for pupils attending denominational schools**  
By: **Director of Law and Personnel**  
Purpose of report: **To allow the Committee to consider the decision made by Cabinet on 5 June 2007 regarding assistance with transport for pupils attending denominational schools**

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**RECOMMENDATION – that the Committee review the original decision taken by Cabinet on 5 June 2007 in relation to assistance with transport for pupils attending denominational schools and decide whether to:**

- **Proceed with the original decision**
  - **Refer the decision back to Cabinet, setting out in writing the nature of its concerns**
  - **Refer the matter to full Council, setting out in writing the reasons for the referral**
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## **1. Background**

1.1 The decision made by Cabinet on 5 June 2007 in relation to assistance with transport for pupils attending denominational schools was called in by Tony Campbell, Jeremy Taylor and Sarah Maynard (co-opted members of the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee). A copy of this call-in request is attached at Appendix A.

1.2 As Monitoring Officer I agreed to this call in on 14 June on the basis that it is confined only to points 3, 5 and 6. My reasons for this decision are outlined at Appendix B.

1.3 The Director of Children's Services has provided a written response to these 3 points in the original call-in request (attached at Appendix C).

1.4 A report regarding a change of policy in respect of assistance with transport for children attending denominational transport was presented to Cabinet on 30 January 2007 and 5 June 2007 (these reports are attached at Appendix D & E).

1.2 The minute outlining the Cabinet decision on 5 June 2007 is attached at Appendix F.

## **2. Conclusion**

2.1 In accordance with the East Sussex County Council Constitution (part 4, section 5, point 20) the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee can review the original decision and decide whether to:

- Proceed with the original decision
- Refer the decision back to Cabinet setting out in writing the nature of its concerns
- Refer the matter to full Council setting out in writing the reasons for the referral

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**BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

- 1) Scrutiny Review of Home to School Transport, Final report August 2006
- 2) Project Initiation Document for the Executive Review of Passenger Transport
- 3) Minutes of the Executive Review of Passenger Transport Board – 9 January 2007
- 4) Report to Cabinet on 1 May 2007 by the Director of Children's Services – Assistance with transport for pupils attending denominational schools