



## CABINET - 16TH JULY 2014

**SUBJECT: RENEWAL OF MAINSTREAM SCHOOL AND COLLEGE TRANSPORT CONTRACTS**

**REPORT BY: ACTING DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES & S151 OFFICER**

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- 1.1 The report was considered by the Education for Life Scrutiny Committee on the 8th July 2014.
- 1.2 The report sought the views of Members on the proposed changes to the renewal of mainstream school and college transport contracts. A new framework is being progressed to prepare for the new renewal of the existing contracts.
- 1.3 The report proposed that some changes are made to the specification adopted previously to ensure services are maintained within the budget available and no additional pressure is put on the revenue funding that is available for home to school/ college transport arrangements.
- 1.4 Following detailed consideration, Members endorsed the recommendations contained in the Officers report and recommend to Cabinet the following:-  
  
That the specification for mainstream school transport contracts be set as follows:
  - All vehicles are single-decked
  - All vehicles are fitted with seat belts
  - All vehicles used must be a maximum of 25 years old at the start of the contract
  - Contracts are limited to a maximum length of 3 years
  - The introduction of a new contract variation clause, rather than annual reviews
  - New contracts will commence in January 2015
- 1.5 Members are asked to consider the recommendation.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 The Education for Life Scrutiny Committee Report dated 8th July 2014