

Notes from EYCY Panel

Call-in of Cabinet Decision on Home to School Transport

The Early Years, Children and Youth Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel held a public meeting on the 9th May 2013 to review this decision following the request of 11 Councillors for it be reviewed (or called in).

They raised their concerns that the Cabinet did not accept the recommendation 3(C) of the Early Years, Children and Youth Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel 'Home to School Transport' review and instead agreed to a phased withdrawal of subsidised home to school transport services for new starters attending denominational schools from September 2014 who would not qualify under other home to school policy subsets, (e.g. as a low income family) save in the case of children with siblings currently at that school.

The Panel received two written statements from members of the public, interviewed the Cabinet Member for Early Years, Children and Youth and the Leader of the Council, received a representation from Councillor Gabriel Batt on behalf of those Councillors who had signed the Call-In request and representations from other Councillors and members of the public.

Having considered the evidence, a majority of the Panel **RESOLVED:**

To **UPHOLD** the Call In for the reasons presented by the Lead Call In Member, Councillor Gabriel Batt and refer the decision to remove subsidies for denominational schools transport to be reconsidered by the Cabinet.