

ANGUS COUNCIL

CHILDREN AND LEARNING COMMITTEE – 19 APRIL 2018

HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT POLICY

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ABSTRACT

This report outlines an updated policy statement for home to school transport for school communities in Angus.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Children and Learning Committee:

- (i) Approves the updated policy statement

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS COMMUNITY PLAN/SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT/COPORATE PLAN

This report contributes to the following local outcomes contained within the Angus Local Outcomes Improvement Plan and Locality Plans:

- Safe, secure, vibrant and sustainable communities

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 There is a statutory requirement to provide home to school transport for pupils attending Primary and Secondary schools. To discharge this duty the Council engages transport contractors to convey pupils to schools within prescribed criteria and in a manner that ensures the safety of pupils.

4. CURRENT POSITION

- 4.1 Transport provision within rural authorities is continually evolving both from a parent/carer expectation and the requirements of contract law. It is necessary to have clear policies and guidance for the transportation of in excess of 3000 pupils per day.

5. PROPOSALS

- 5.1 A review of Angus school to home transport policy has been undertaken. The policy now includes an appeals procedure.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no financial implications arising from consideration of this report.

NOTE: No background papers, as detailed by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above report.

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Appendix 1 – Home to School Transport Policy Statement with associated appendices