

CABINET COMMITTEE

TRAVEL FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE



Nottinghamshire
County Council

**NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 13TH JUNE
2007 (6.00 PM – 7.10 PM)**

membership

Persons absent are marked with 'A'

COUNCILLORS

Councillor David Kirkham – Leader of the Council (Chair)

Councillor Joyce Bosnjak – Cabinet Member for Children and Young
People

A Councillor Stella Smedley – Cabinet Member for Environment

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Stan Heptinstall MBE

Councillor Pat Lally

Councillor Jim O'Riordan

Councillor Sue Saddington

Matt Curzon)

Alex Newman)

Representatives of Young People

1. NOTES

The notes of the last meeting held on 1st May 2007 were received as a true and correct record and signed by the Chair.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Stella Smedley.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

There were no declarations of interest made by Members or Officers.

4. TRANSPORT PROVISION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

The Chair advised that the paper before the Committee was divided into three distinct areas including the further information requested at the last meeting and proposed therefore that the Committee consider these matters in the following order:-

Sustainable School Travel Strategy for Nottinghamshire 2007 – 11

A revised draft Strategy, at appendix A to the report, was circulated to Members. Officers reminded the Committee that the Strategy had to be approved and submitted to the DfES by 31st August 2007 and that, to meet this deadline, it was proposed that Cabinet should consider the matter in July. They added that the document would require further factual amendments and that they would welcome any comments which Cabinet Committee Members might have on the content of the Strategy so that these could be included in the report to Cabinet. In the circumstances, it was:-

RESOLVED: 2007/004

That the final Nottinghamshire Sustainable School Travel Strategy 2007 – 11 be submitted to Cabinet for consideration at its meeting on 25th July 2007 and that Members of the Cabinet Committee submit any further views that they wish to see included in the report to Cabinet.

School Travel Pathfinder

Officers referred to appendix B to the report which set out a summary of progress since the last meeting. Arrangements for possible joint working with other Local Authorities continued which it was felt it would not dilute any County provision. Arising from the discussion it was noted that in Nottinghamshire some 40% of secondary school pupils attended a school other than their nearest (against the national rate of 55.3%) and that more crucial Pathfinder issues in Nottinghamshire were around the matters of affordability for low income families. Members noted the work carried out to date and were keen to see work continue on a full application. In the circumstances, it was:-

RESOLVED: 2007/005

That Cabinet be recommended to approve preparation of a full bid Pathfinder application for submission to the DfES in November 2007.

Concessionary Fare Scheme for Young People

Representatives of young people present at the meeting circulated a paper setting out views on a possible Concessionary Scheme for Young People which had emanated from a consultation event held on 9th June 2007 (the full text of these views is set out in the appendix to these notes). Those young people present at the meeting explained the reasons behind the proposals. Members complimented the young people on the quality of the paper and assured them that the issues raised would be seriously considered in drawing up any scheme for implementation.

Officers referred to appendix C to the report setting out options requested at the last meeting. Following full discussion of the issues set out in the report, it was:-

RESOLVED: 2007/006

1. That the Cabinet Committee's initial position be noted as follows:-
 - a Scheme be pursued
 - initially, any Scheme be for students only (for 11 – 19 year olds in education for 12 hours per week or more) but that the possibility of enhancing the Scheme over time be kept under review
 - no initial charge for a card be made, but that a charge (to be determined) be made for a replacement one
 - funding for any Scheme be considered as part of the County Council's overall budget setting procedures
 - that the implementation date for any Scheme be aligned with the implementation of any Pathfinder Scheme and
2. that these views be taken into account when the matter is considered by Cabinet.

CHAIR

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