



meeting	CABINET COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE PROVISION OF TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE
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REPORT OF THE STRATEGIC DIRECTORS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLES SERVICES AND COMMUNITIES

Transport Provision for Children and Young People

Purpose of report

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to;
- a) Introduce a draft of the “Nottinghamshire Sustainable School Travel Strategy 2007 – 2011” **Appendix A** and request the committee moves to recommend the final report for approval by Cabinet in July 2007.
 - b) Develop the proposed outline content and scope of a draft Pathfinder application, as requested by Committee on 1 May 2007, prior to seeking a Cabinet decision in July regarding a bid application **Appendix B**.
 - c) Present further costings regarding a possible Concessionary Travel Scheme for young people, as requested by committee on 1 May 2007 **Appendix C**.
 - d) Confirm a timeframe for one or two future meetings of the Cabinet Committee in October 2007

Information and advice

Background

- 2.1 At its meeting on 1st May 2007, Cabinet Committee considered the background and key issues regarding:
- a) Concessionary Travel for Young People in Nottinghamshire as described in the study report of that name commissioned by the County Council from JMP consulting

- b) The emerging priorities and proposed implementation of the Sustainable School Travel Strategy currently being compiled
- c) The funding context and opportunities afforded by a potential application for School Travel Pathfinder Status
- d) Opportunities to develop partnership working with other Local Authorities for the benefit of children and young people in Nottinghamshire
- e.) Consultation and participation of service users in shaping future provision

2.2 Committee requested further information on which to base its recommendations:

Sustainable School Travel Strategy 2007 – 2011

2.3 The Education and Inspections Act 2006 requires all Local Authorities to publish a Sustainable School Travel Strategy by 31 August 2007. In Nottinghamshire, an inter-departmental working group has been drawing together available data and information in preparation of the attached draft **Appendix A**. There is further work to be done prior to wider circulation and consultation on the draft, however guidance from the DfES is clear that the first issue of the strategy will mark 'work in progress', and can be developed incrementally over future years.

School Travel Pathfinder

2.4 The Education and Inspections Act 2006 will enable a small number of Local Authorities to propose Pathfinder Schemes to test innovative approaches to Home to School Transport. A summary of Pathfinder Guidance has previously been considered by committee. **Appendix B** sets out a proposed shape for a possible Nottinghamshire bid, developing an innovative collegiate approach with other LAs, focussing on key issues to explore within the county, and seeking to enhance the quality of provision for service users. As preparation of a bid requires extensive work and a commitment of funds as outlined in the report to Cabinet of 7 March 2007, Cabinet approval will be required in July regarding the progress of a bid for submission.

Concessionary Travel Scheme

2.5 **Appendix C** presents further information re costed options, building upon the report commissioned by County Council in 2006.

RECOMMENDATION

3.1 It is recommended that the Cabinet Committee;

- (1) considers the draft "Nottinghamshire Sustainable School Travel Strategy 2007 – 2011" **Appendix A** and requests the committee

moves to recommend the final report for approval by Cabinet in July 2007.

- (2) considers the proposed outline of a draft School Travel Pathfinder application, **Appendix B**, and recommends to Cabinet a decision regarding preparation of a full bid application for submission to DfES in November 2007.
- (3) considers the feasibility of a Concessionary Travel Scheme for young people in the light of costed options.

Background papers available for inspection

Previous committee reports

Electoral division(s) affected

Nottinghamshire

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