

NOTICE OF MOTION**CONSERVATIVE GROUP****HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT – POLICY PANEL**

This council resolves to ask the Children, Young People & Skills Committee to: -

1. Urgently establish a cross-party Member led policy panel consisting of six Members, two from each political party, with a remit to, inter alia, review the appointment of consultants, the process of contracting operators, the impact on schools, families, children and young people and generally the implementation of the home to school transport service; and
2. Suspend the third-party review being organised by the Administration until such times that the Member policy panel has issued its report.

Proposed by: Cllr Mears

Seconded by: Cllr Simson

Supporting Information:

Parents and school representatives via a deputation to this council have asked for a Member led scrutiny panel. This is in response to the debacle that exists following the introduction of a new service this academic year.

There are concerns about child safety and welfare that require a full immediate enquiry.

Questions around the appointment of consultants remain including the impact on budgets and other costs/ savings.

Concerns exist regarding the implementation of the new service in respect to route planning and waiting times.

Concerns exist regarding the impact on schools and the potential loss of teaching time and associated costs.

