



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

MUNICIPAL YEAR 2023-24

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

18 MARCH 2024

**REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT POLICY
REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES &
COMMUNICATIONS**

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To pre-scrutinise the Review of the proposed Council's Home To School Transport Policy attached at Appendix A following the outcome of a public consultation exercise and prior to Cabinet's consideration of the proposals.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that: -

- 2.1 Members undertake pre scrutiny on the report (attached at Appendix A), thus providing Scrutiny with an opportunity to contribute to this matter; and
- 2.2 Authorise the Service Director Democratic Services and Communications to provide feedback to Cabinet on behalf of Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The need for Cabinet to be aware of the comments and observations of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee prior to their consideration of the proposed Council's Home to School Transport Policy.

4. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 4.1 At its meeting on [20th November 2023](#), Cabinet agreed to initiate a public consultation in respect of a proposed new Home to School Transport Policy,

which, if approved, would be adopted from the beginning of the 2025/26 Academic year.

- 4.2 The Home to School Transport consultation was conducted in-house and ran from the 27th November 2023 and ended on the 8th January 2024. The Consultation was then extended for a further 3 weeks between the 18th January and the 8th February to provide a further opportunity for people to take part in the consultation.
- 4.3 Members of the Overview and Scrutiny also had the opportunity to provide formal feedback during the consultation period at their meeting held on the [13th December 2023](#). The results of the public consultation is attached at Appendix 3 of the Cabinet report.
- 4.4 Members of the Overview & Scrutiny are being provided with the opportunity to undertake pre scrutiny on the proposals in advance of Cabinet's consideration on the 20th March 2024

5. PRE SCRUTINY

- 5.1 Members are reminded that the purpose of pre scrutiny activity is to influence the decisions before they are made. The Council's Overview & Scrutiny function continues to have the opportunity to explore and comment on a number of reports in advance of Cabinet's consideration to bring a different perspective to the decisions made and enabling Cabinet decisions to be more informed.

6. EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND SOCIO ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The appropriate impact assessments to accompany this decision will be presented to the Cabinet for consideration when determining this matter.

7. CONSULTATION

- 7.1 There are no consultation requirements emanating from the recommendations set out in this report. Members are advised to consider the feedback of the consultation initiated by Cabinet in respect of these proposals

8. FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 Financial and resource implications will be considered as part of any feedback and subsequent implementation arrangements.

9. WELSH LANGUAGE IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are no Welsh language implications as a result of the recommendations set out in the report. The appropriate Welsh Language impact assessments to accompany this decision will be presented to the Cabinet for consideration when determining this matter

10. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

10.1 The report has been prepared in accordance with paragraph Part 4 of the Constitution (Overview & Scrutiny Procedure Rules).

11. CONCLUSION

11.1 Any comments and feedback to the Cabinet will ensure that the Overview & Scrutiny Committee fully evaluates the effectiveness of its overview and scrutiny function.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

as amended by

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS:

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