

EX58. CONSULTATION ON SOCIAL WORK ASSISTANCE WITH TRANSPORT POLICY AND PROPOSED CHANGES

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Social Work Services on the introduction of a Social Work Transport Policy.

Proposals had been developed which would assist the Service in determining whether to provide transport assistance to service users. It was proposed that need would be determined using eligibility criteria and that, where transport is provided, charges should be levied when it is reasonable to do so. The proposals had been subject to a preliminary equality and poverty impact assessment. A wide ranging consultation with stakeholders, such as service users, would be undertaken and a draft policy submitted for approval thereafter.

Decision

The Executive agreed to:-

- 1) undertake a wide consultation, as described in paragraph 6.1 of the report, and**
- 2) request that final proposals are submitted following the consultation process.**