

## **EE41. Children's Services Transport Policy**

The Director of Children's Services presenting a Children's Services Transport Policy for approval.

An integrated education and social work transport policy had been developed following a review of current procedures. It was proposed that the policy would replace the current Transport Policy which specifically referred to home to school transport with one which integrates all Children's Services transport functions.

The review concluded that transport for children, whether home to school or for Looked After Children, should be organised by one Service. It was proposed that overall management of transport, including the management of Pupil Transport Assistants and volunteer drivers would lie with Development Services although the budget will remain with Children's Services.

The new integrated policy had been updated to reflect current working practices. There were no changes to eligibility criteria.

The Director confirmed that an update report would be submitted after 12 months.

### **Decision**

#### **The Education Executive:-**

- (1) agreed the new integrated Children's Services Transport Policy set out in appendix 1 of the report;**
- (2) noted the draft operational guidance that underpins the policy set out in appendix 2 of the report; and**
- (3) agreed that the overall management of all transport provision defined within the policy was to be provided by the Transport Planning Unit in Development Services including the management of Transport Assistants, once the necessary staff transfers and a service level agreement have been agreed.**