

## Transport Consultation - Appendix

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## 1. Adult Survey Responses Closed Questions all respondents 29/04/2013

### 1. Individual type

Respondent type	Number of Responses	% of respondents
Pupil Student	123	7.74%
Parent/Carer	1083	68.11%
Resident of Leeds	566	35.60%
Elected Member	5	0.31%
Head Teacher/teacher	94	5.91%
School Governor	87	5.47%
Further Education provider	17	1.07%
Transport Provider	5	0.31%
Council Employee	147	9.25%
Officer of neighbouring LA	4	0.25%
Other	52	3.27%

Source Adult Transport Survey

### 2. Continue to fund transport to faith schools

Response	Number of Responses	% of respondents
Agree	151	<b>9.43%</b>
Disagree	152	<b>9.49%</b>
Don't know	22	<b>1.37%</b>
Neither agree nor disagree	96	<b>6.00%</b>
Strongly agree	922	<b>57.59%</b>
Strongly disagree	253	<b>15.80%</b>
no response	5	<b>0.31%</b>

Source Adult Transport Survey

3. Continue to fund transport Post 16 to mainstream schools and colleges

Response	Number of Responses	% of respondents
Agree	322	<b>20.11%</b>
Disagree	171	<b>10.68%</b>
Don't know	22	<b>1.37%</b>
Neither agree nor disagree	130	<b>8.12%</b>
Strongly agree	804	<b>50.22%</b>
Strongly disagree	136	<b>8.49%</b>
no response	16	<b>1.00%</b>

Source Adult Transport Survey

4. Continue to fund Post 16 transport for young people with SEN

Response	Number of Responses	% of respondents
Agree	331	<b>20.67%</b>
Disagree	81	<b>5.06%</b>
Don't know	23	<b>1.44%</b>
Neither agree nor disagree	151	<b>9.43%</b>
Strongly agree	947	<b>59.15%</b>
Strongly disagree	47	<b>2.94%</b>
no response	21	<b>1.31%</b>

Source Adult Transport Survey

5. Ranking which assistance should be provided to 5-16 year old SEN

	Parents make own arrangements		Provide Independent Travel Training		Individual Assessed Package		Provide transport where necessary	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
RANK 1	269	16.80%	369	23.05%	261	16.30%	607	37.91%
RANK 2	230	14.37%	402	25.11%	636	39.73%	191	11.93%
RANK 3	288	17.99%	493	30.79%	440	27.48%	233	14.55%
RANK4	679	42.41%	199	12.43%	129	8.06%	452	28.23%
No response	135	8.43%	138	8.62%	135	8.43%	118	7.37%

Source Adult Transport Survey

6. Should the council continue to provide discretionary travel to schools which are not the nearest school

Response	Number of Responses	% of respondents
Agree	341	<b>21.30%</b>
Disagree	149	<b>9.31%</b>
Don't know	33	<b>2.06%</b>
Neither agree nor disagree	224	<b>13.99%</b>
Strongly agree	679	<b>42.41%</b>
Strongly disagree	139	<b>8.68%</b>
no response	36	<b>2.25%</b>

Source Adult Transport Survey

7. Which service directly affects you?

	Count of Responses	% of responses	% of respondents
Transport for children who choose to attend a school on the basis of faith or beliefs	780	41.03%	49.06%
Post 16 transport to mainstream schools and colleges	310	16.31%	19.50%
Post 16 transport for young people with Special Educational Needs (SEN)	180	9.47%	11.32%
Free travel to a school which is not the nearest appropriate school	220	11.57%	13.84%
I am not affected by any service	411	21.62%	25.85%

Source Adult Transport Survey

8. Please describe how you would be affected if one or more of these services is discontinued?

	Count of Responses	% of responses	% of respondents
I am not affected by any service	422	19.81%	26.54%
I would be affected financially	872	40.94%	54.84%
I would change school preference	158	7.42%	9.94%
I would have childcare issues	274	12.86%	17.23%
I would make alternative arrangements	219	10.28%	13.77%
Other	185	8.69%	11.64%

Source Adult Transport Survey

9. Which if any of the discretionary services below would you want to be continued? Please rank in order of preference 1-5, with 1 being your first preference

	Transport to faith schools		Post 16 transport		Post 16 transport for SEN		Free travel to a school not the nearest		Continue none	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
RANK 1	678	42.35%	124	7.75%	504	31.48%	117	7.31%	72	4.50%
RANK 2	190	11.87%	429	26.80%	486	30.36%	273	17.05%	38	2.37%
RANK 3	137	8.56%	467	29.17%	324	20.24%	446	27.86%	33	2.06%
RANK 4	286	17.86%	366	22.86%	108	6.75%	553	34.54%	76	4.75%
RANK 5	167	10.43%	47	2.94%	21	1.31%	38	2.37%	983	61.40%
No response	143	8.93%	168	10.49%	158	9.87%	174	10.87%	388	24.23%

Source Adult Transport Survey

## 2. Adult Survey Responses Closed Questions 29/04/2013 Parent/Carer responses only

### 1. Individual type

Respondent type	Number of Responses	% of respondents
Pupil Student	123	7.74%
Parent/Carer	1083	68.11%
Resident of Leeds	566	35.60%
Elected Member	5	0.31%
Head Teacher/teacher	94	5.91%
School Governor	87	5.47%
Further Education provider	17	1.07%
Transport Provider	5	0.31%
Council Employee	147	9.25%
Officer of neighbouring LA	4	0.25%
Other	52	3.27%

Source Adult Transport Survey

### 2. Continue to fund transport to faith schools

Response	Number of Responses	% of respondents
Agree	76	<b>7.02%</b>
Disagree	87	<b>8.03%</b>
Don't know	6	<b>0.55%</b>
Neither agree nor disagree	48	<b>4.43%</b>
Strongly agree	722	<b>66.67%</b>
Strongly disagree	140	<b>12.93%</b>
no response	4	<b>0.37%</b>

Source Adult Transport Survey



3. Continue to fund transport Post 16 to mainstream schools and colleges

Response	Number of Responses	% of respondents
Agree	211	<b>19.48%</b>
Disagree	103	<b>9.51%</b>
Don't know	11	<b>1.02%</b>
Neither agree nor disagree	90	<b>8.31%</b>
Strongly agree	580	<b>53.55%</b>
Strongly disagree	75	<b>6.93%</b>
no response	13	<b>1.20%</b>

Source Adult Transport Survey

4. Continue to fund Post 16 transport for young people with SEN

Response	Number of Responses	% of respondents
Agree	186	<b>17.17%</b>
Disagree	51	<b>4.71%</b>
Don't know	12	<b>1.11%</b>
Neither agree nor disagree	114	<b>10.53%</b>
Strongly agree	675	<b>62.33%</b>
Strongly disagree	29	<b>2.68%</b>
no response	16	<b>1.48%</b>

Source Adult Transport Survey

5. Ranking which assistance should be provided to 5-16 year old SEN

	Parents make own arrangements		Provide Independent Travel Training		Individual Assessed Package		Provide transport where necessary	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
RANK 1	168	15.51%	240	22.16%	168	15.51%	437	40.35%
RANK 2	172	15.88%	263	24.28%	424	39.15%	119	10.99%
RANK 3	200	18.47%	326	30.10%	306	28.25%	143	13.20%
RANK4	442	40.81%	151	13.94%	83	7.66%	300	27.70%
No response	101	9.33%	103	9.51%	102	9.42%	84	7.76%

Source Adult Transport Survey

6. Should the council continue to provide discretionary travel to schools which are not the nearest school

Response	Number of Responses	% of respondents
Agree	214	<b>19.76%</b>
Disagree	86	<b>7.94%</b>
Don't know	20	<b>1.85%</b>
Neither agree nor disagree	145	<b>13.39%</b>
Strongly agree	503	<b>46.45%</b>
Strongly disagree	86	<b>7.94%</b>
no response	29	<b>2.68%</b>

Source Adult Transport Survey

7. Which service directly affects you?

	Count of Responses	% of responses	% of respondents
Transport for children who choose to attend a school on the basis of faith or beliefs	687	52.48%	63.43%
Post 16 transport to mainstream schools and colleges	202	15.43%	18.65%
Post 16 transport for young people with Special Educational Needs (SEN)	101	7.72%	9.33%
Free travel to a school which is not the nearest appropriate school	164	12.53%	15.14%
I am not affected by any service	155	11.84%	14.31%

Source Adult Transport Survey

Q8. Please describe how you would be affected if one or more of these services is discontinued?

	Count of Responses	% of responses	% of respondents
I am not affected by any service	164	10.35%	15.14%
I would be affected financially	760	47.95%	70.18%
I would change school preference	136	8.58%	12.56%
I would have childcare issues	254	16.03%	23.45%
I would make alternative arrangements	176	11.10%	16.25%
Other	95	5.99%	8.77%

Source Adult Transport Survey

Q9. Which if any of the discretionary services below would you want to be continued? Please rank in order of preference 1-5, with 1 being your first preference

	Transport to faith schools		Post 16 transport		Post 16 transport for SEN		Free travel to a school not the nearest		Continue none	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
RANK 1	566	52.26%	61	5.63%	287	26.50%	73	6.74%	35	3.23%
RANK 2	133	12.28%	270	24.93%	363	33.52%	178	16.44%	19	1.75%
RANK 3	71	6.56%	345	31.86%	235	21.70%	285	26.32%	19	1.75%
RANK4	144	13.30%	271	25.02%	79	7.29%	407	37.58%	46	4.25%
RANK 5	83	7.66%	32	2.95%	15	1.39%	28	2.59%	695	64.17%
No response	86	7.94%	104	9.60%	104	9.60%	112	10.34%	269	24.84%

Source Adult Transport Survey

**3. Survey Responses Closed Questions 29/04/2013 - Education responses only  
(Head Teacher/Teacher, School Governor, Further Education Provider)**

1. Individual type

Respondent type	Number of Responses	% of respondents
Pupil Student	123	<b>7.68%</b>
Parent/Carer	1083	<b>67.65%</b>
Resident of Leeds	566	<b>35.35%</b>
Elected Member	5	<b>0.31%</b>
Head Teacher/teacher	94	<b>5.87%</b>
School Governer	87	<b>5.43%</b>
Further Education provider	17	<b>1.06%</b>
Transport Provider	5	<b>0.31%</b>
Council Employee	147	<b>9.18%</b>
Officer of neighbouring LA	4	<b>0.25%</b>
Other	52	<b>3.25%</b>

Source Adult Transport Survey

2. Continue to fund transport to faith schools

Response	Number of Responses	% of respondents
Agree	20	<b>10.31%</b>
Disagree	19	<b>9.79%</b>
Don't know	3	<b>1.55%</b>
Neither agree nor disagree	14	<b>7.22%</b>
Strongly agree	119	<b>61.34%</b>
Strongly disagree	19	<b>9.79%</b>

Source Adult Transport Survey

3. Continue to fund transport Post 16 to mainstream schools and colleges

Response	Number of Responses	% of respondents
Agree	38	<b>19.59%</b>
Disagree	15	<b>7.73%</b>
Don't know	3	<b>1.55%</b>
Neither agree nor disagree	15	<b>7.73%</b>
Strongly agree	116	<b>59.79%</b>
Strongly disagree	4	<b>2.06%</b>
no response	3	<b>1.55%</b>

Source Adult Transport Survey

4. Continue to fund Post 16 transport for young people with SEN

Response	Number of Responses	% of respondents
Agree	41	<b>21.13%</b>
Disagree	4	<b>2.06%</b>
Don't know	3	<b>1.55%</b>
Neither agree nor disagree	11	<b>5.67%</b>
Strongly agree	129	<b>66.49%</b>
Strongly disagree	1	<b>0.52%</b>
no response	5	<b>2.58%</b>

5. Ranking which assistance should be provided to 5-16 year old SEN

	Parents make own arrangements		Provide Independent Travel Training		Individual Assessed Package		Provide transport where necessary	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
RANK 1	25	12.89%	49	25.26%	39	20.10%	75	38.66%
RANK 2	28	14.43%	48	24.74%	86	44.33%	21	10.82%
RANK 3	37	19.07%	62	31.96%	49	25.26%	33	17.01%
RANK4	93	47.94%	24	12.37%	9	4.64%	55	28.35%
No response	11	5.67%	11	5.67%	11	5.67%	10	5.15%

Source Adult Transport Survey

6. Should the council continue to provide discretionary travel to schools which are not the nearest school

Response	Number of Responses	% of respondents
Agree	42	<b>21.65%</b>
Disagree	19	<b>9.79%</b>
Don't know	1	<b>0.52%</b>
Neither agree nor disagree	28	<b>14.43%</b>
Strongly agree	90	<b>46.39%</b>
Strongly disagree	9	<b>4.64%</b>
no response	5	<b>2.58%</b>

Source Adult Transport Survey

7. Which service directly affects you?

	Count of Responses	% of responses	% of respondents
Transport for children who choose to attend a school on the basis of faith or beliefs	85	33.33%	43.81%
Post 16 transport to mainstream schools and colleges	44	17.25%	22.68%
Post 16 transport for young people with Special Educational Needs (SEN)	30	11.76%	15.46%
Free travel to a school which is not the nearest appropriate school	34	13.33%	17.53%
I am not affected by any service	62	24.31%	31.96%

Source Adult Transport Survey

Q8. Please describe how you would be affected if one or more of these services is discontinued?

	Count of Responses	% of responses	% of respondents
I am not affected by any service	74	30.58%	38.14%
I would be affected financially	71	29.34%	36.60%
I would change school preference	19	7.85%	9.79%
I would have childcare issues	25	10.33%	12.89%
I would make alternative arrangements	19	7.85%	9.79%
Other	34	14.05%	17.53%

Source Adult Transport Survey



Q9. Which if any of the discretionary services below would you want to be continued? Please rank in order of preference 1-5, with 1 being your first preference

	Transport to faith schools		Post 16 transport		Post 16 transport for SEN		Free travel to a school not the nearest		Continue none	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
RANK 1	83	42.78%	20	10.31%	68	35.05%	8	4.12%	6	3.09%
RANK 2	32	16.49%	52	26.80%	57	29.38%	32	16.49%	3	1.55%
RANK 3	15	7.73%	61	31.44%	40	20.62%	56	28.87%	4	2.06%
RANK4	42	21.65%	37	19.07%	14	7.22%	76	39.18%	4	2.06%
RANK 5	9	4.64%	6	3.09%	3	1.55%	3	1.55%	137	70.62%
No response	13	6.70%	18	9.28%	12	6.19%	19	9.79%	40	20.62%

Source Adult Transport Survey

#### 4. Survey Responses Closed Questions 29/04/2013 Pupil/Student responses only

##### 1. Individual type

Respondent type	Number of Responses	% of respondents
Pupil Student	123	7.74%
Parent/Carer	1083	68.11%
Resident of Leeds	566	35.60%
Elected Member	5	0.31%
Head Teacher/teacher	94	5.91%
School Governor	87	5.47%
Further Education provider	17	1.07%
Transport Provider	5	0.31%
Council Employee	147	9.25%
Officer of neighbouring LA	4	0.25%
Other	52	3.27%

Source Adult Transport Survey

2. Continue to fund transport to faith schools

Response	Number of Responses	% of respondents
Agree	19	<b>15.45%</b>
Disagree	8	<b>6.50%</b>
Don't know	7	<b>5.69%</b>
Neither agree nor disagree	14	<b>11.38%</b>
Strongly agree	62	<b>50.41%</b>
Strongly disagree	13	<b>10.57%</b>

Source Adult Transport Survey

3. Continue to fund transport Post 16 to mainstream schools and colleges

Response	Number of Responses	% of respondents
Agree	19	<b>15.45%</b>
Disagree	7	<b>5.69%</b>
Don't know	5	<b>4.07%</b>
Neither agree nor disagree	4	<b>3.25%</b>
Strongly agree	80	<b>65.04%</b>
Strongly disagree	8	<b>6.50%</b>

Source Adult Transport Survey

4. Continue to fund Post 16 transport for young people with SEN

Response	Number of Responses	% of respondents
Agree	27	<b>21.95%</b>
Disagree	6	<b>4.88%</b>
Don't know	5	<b>4.07%</b>
Neither agree nor disagree	9	<b>7.32%</b>
Strongly agree	74	<b>60.16%</b>
Strongly disagree	2	<b>1.63%</b>

Source Adult Transport Survey

5. Ranking which assistance should be provided to 5-16 year old SEN

	Parents make own arrangements		Provide Independent Travel Training		Individual Assessed Package		Provide transport where necessary	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
RANK 1	26	21.14%	26	21.14%	11	8.94%	52	42.28%
RANK 2	16	13.01%	32	26.02%	46	37.40%	18	14.63%
RANK 3	15	12.20%	43	34.96%	38	30.89%	16	13.01%
RANK4	55	44.72%	11	8.94%	17	13.82%	28	22.76%
No response	11	8.94%	11	8.94%	11	8.94%	9	7.32%

Source Adult Transport Survey

6. Should the council continue to provide discretionary travel to schools which are not the nearest school

Response	Number of Responses	% of respondents
Agree	21	17.07%
Disagree	14	11.38%
Don't know	5	4.07%
Neither agree nor disagree	20	16.26%
Strongly agree	56	45.53%
Strongly disagree	6	4.88%
no response	1	0.81%

Source Adult Transport Survey

7. Which service directly affects you?

	Count of Responses	% of responses	% of respondents
Transport for children who choose to attend a school on the basis of faith or beliefs	28	18.67%	22.76%
Post 16 transport to mainstream schools and colleges	55	36.67%	44.72%
Post 16 transport for young people with Special Educational Needs (SEN)	29	19.33%	23.58%
Free travel to a school which is not the nearest appropriate school	27	18.00%	21.95%
I am not affected by any service	11	7.33%	8.94%

Source Adult Transport Survey

Q8. Please describe how you would be affected if one or more of these services is discontinued?

	Count of Responses	% of responses	% of respondents
I am not affected by any service	8	4.94%	6.50%
I would be affected financially	78	48.15%	63.41%
I would change school preference	13	8.02%	10.57%
I would have childcare issues	10	6.17%	8.13%
I would make alternative arrangements	29	17.90%	23.58%
Other	24	14.81%	19.51%

Source Adult Transport Survey

Q9. Which if any of the discretionary services below would you want to be continued? Please rank in order of preference 1-5, with 1 being your first preference

	Transport to faith schools		Post 16 transport		Post 16 transport for SEN		Free travel to a school not the nearest		Continue none	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
RANK 1	33	26.83%	29	23.58%	35	28.46%	11	8.94%	3	2.44%
RANK 2	4	3.25%	45	36.59%	31	25.20%	22	17.89%	5	4.07%
RANK 3	19	15.45%	18	14.63%	28	22.76%	40	32.52%	2	1.63%
RANK4	39	31.71%	13	10.57%	12	9.76%	34	27.64%	7	5.69%
RANK 5	13	10.57%	3	2.44%	3	2.44%	2	1.63%	75	60.98%
No response	15	12.20%	15	12.20%	14	11.38%	14	11.38%	31	25.20%

Source Adult Transport Survey

## 5. Survey Responses Closed Questions 29/04/2013 - Council Employees

### 1. Individual type

Respondent type	Number of Responses	% of respondents
Pupil Student	123	7.68%
Parent/Carer	1083	67.65%
Resident of Leeds	566	35.35%
Elected Member	5	0.31%
Head Teacher/teacher	94	5.87%
School Governor	87	5.43%
Further Education provider	17	1.06%
Transport Provider	5	0.31%
Council Employee	147	9.18%
Officer of neighbouring LA	4	0.25%
Other	52	3.25%

Source Adult Transport Survey

### 2. Continue to fund transport to faith schools

Response	Number of Responses	% of respondents
Agree	15	<b>10.20%</b>
Disagree	19	<b>12.93%</b>
Don't know	1	<b>0.68%</b>
Neither agree nor disagree	6	<b>4.08%</b>
Strongly agree	60	<b>40.82%</b>
Strongly disagree	46	<b>31.29%</b>

Source Adult Transport Survey



### 3. Continue to fund transport Post 16 to mainstream schools and colleges

Response	Number of Responses	% of respondents
Agree	31	<b>21.09%</b>
Disagree	19	<b>12.93%</b>
Don't know	2	<b>1.36%</b>
Neither agree nor disagree	19	<b>12.93%</b>
Strongly agree	53	<b>36.05%</b>
Strongly disagree	23	<b>15.65%</b>

Source Adult Transport Survey

### 4. Continue to fund Post 16 transport for young people with SEN

Response	Number of Responses	% of respondents
Agree	29	<b>19.73%</b>
Disagree	9	<b>6.12%</b>
Neither agree nor disagree	19	<b>12.93%</b>
Strongly agree	77	<b>52.38%</b>
Strongly disagree	11	<b>7.48%</b>
no response	2	<b>1.36%</b>

Source Adult Transport Survey

5. Ranking which assistance should be provided to 5-16 year old SEN

	Parents make own arrangements		Provide Independent Travel Training		Individual Assessed Package		Provide transport where necessary	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
RANK 1	29	19.73%	35	23.81%	35	23.81%	46	31.29%
RANK 2	19	12.93%	42	28.57%	63	42.86%	19	12.93%
RANK 3	29	19.73%	54	36.73%	35	23.81%	24	16.33%
RANK4	65	44.22%	13	8.84%	10	6.80%	54	36.73%
No response	5	3.40%	3	2.04%	4	2.72%	4	2.72%

Source Adult Transport Survey

6. Should the council continue to provide discretionary travel to schools which are not the nearest school

Response	Number of Responses	% of respondents
Agree	37	<b>25.17%</b>
Disagree	19	<b>12.93%</b>
Neither agree nor disagree	18	<b>12.24%</b>
Strongly agree	47	<b>31.97%</b>
Strongly disagree	23	<b>15.65%</b>
no response	3	<b>2.04%</b>

Source Adult Transport Survey

7. Which service directly affects you?

	Count of Responses	% of responses	% of respondents
Transport for children who choose to attend a school on the basis of faith or beliefs	51	29.82%	34.69%
Post 16 transport to mainstream schools and colleges	27	15.79%	18.37%
Post 16 transport for young people with Special Educational Needs (SEN)	9	5.26%	6.12%
Free travel to a school which is not the nearest appropriate school	17	9.94%	11.56%
I am not affected by any service	67	39.18%	45.58%

Source Adult Transport Survey

8. Please describe how you would be affected if one or more of these services is discontinued?

	Count of Responses	% of responses	% of respondents
I am not affected by any service	63	37.06%	42.86%
I would be affected financially	56	32.94%	38.10%
I would change school preference	10	5.88%	6.80%
I would have childcare issues	14	8.24%	9.52%
I would make alternative arrangements	14	8.24%	9.52%
Other	13	7.65%	8.84%

Source Adult Transport Survey

9. Which if any of the discretionary services below would you want to be continued? Please rank in order of preference 1-5, with 1 being your first preference

	Transport to faith schools		Post 16 transport		Post 16 transport for SEN		Free travel to a school not the nearest		Continue none	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
RANK 1	44	29.93%	11	7.48%	62	42.18%	7	4.76%	12	8.16%
RANK 2	18	12.24%	41	27.89%	38	25.85%	28	19.05%	4	2.72%
RANK 3	12	8.16%	47	31.97%	21	14.29%	45	30.61%	4	2.72%
RANK4	33	22.45%	29	19.73%	8	5.44%	46	31.29%	11	7.48%
RANK 5	26	17.69%	3	2.04%	1	0.68%	5	3.40%	82	55.78%
No response	14	9.52%	16	10.88%	17	11.56%	16	10.88%	34	23.13%

Source Adult Transport Survey

**6. Survey Responses Closed Questions 29/04/2013 - respondents that were not affected by any of the proposed transport changes**

1. Individual type

Respondent type	Number of Responses	% of respondents
Pupil Student	11	<b>2.68%</b>
Parent/Carer	155	<b>37.71%</b>
Resident of Leeds	233	<b>56.69%</b>
Elected Member	5	<b>1.22%</b>
Head Teacher/teacher	21	<b>5.11%</b>
School Governor	36	<b>8.76%</b>
Further Education provider	5	<b>1.22%</b>
Transport Provider	1	<b>0.24%</b>
Council Employee	67	<b>16.30%</b>
Officer of neighbouring LA	1	<b>0.24%</b>
Other	24	<b>5.84%</b>

Source Adult Transport Survey

2. Continue to fund transport to faith schools

Response	Number of Responses	% of respondents
Agree	50	<b>12.17%</b>
Disagree	89	<b>21.65%</b>
Don't know	6	<b>1.46%</b>
Neither agree nor disagree	38	<b>9.25%</b>
Strongly agree	95	<b>23.11%</b>
Strongly disagree	132	<b>32.12%</b>
no response	1	<b>0.24%</b>

Source Adult Transport Survey

3. Continue to fund transport Post 16 to mainstream schools and colleges

Response	Number of Responses	% of respondents
Agree	109	<b>26.52%</b>
Disagree	89	<b>21.65%</b>
Don't know	7	<b>1.70%</b>
Neither agree nor disagree	44	<b>10.71%</b>
Strongly agree	100	<b>24.33%</b>
Strongly disagree	58	<b>14.11%</b>
no response	4	<b>0.97%</b>

Source Adult Transport Survey

4. Continue to fund Post 16 transport for young people with SEN

Response	Number of Responses	% of respondents
Agree	138	<b>33.58%</b>
Disagree	33	<b>8.03%</b>
Don't know	7	<b>1.70%</b>
Neither agree nor disagree	48	<b>11.68%</b>
Strongly agree	161	<b>39.17%</b>
Strongly disagree	19	<b>4.62%</b>
no response	5	<b>1.22%</b>

Source Adult Transport Survey

5. Ranking which assistance should be provided to 5-16 year old SEN

	Parents make own arrangements		Provide Independent Travel Training		Individual Assessed Package		Provide transport where necessary	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
RANK 1	87	21.17%	119	28.95%	74	18.00%	118	28.71%
RANK 2	54	13.14%	114	27.74%	172	41.85%	52	12.65%
RANK 3	89	21.65%	119	28.95%	109	26.52%	75	18.25%
RANK4	166	40.39%	42	10.22%	39	9.49%	148	36.01%
No response	15	3.65%	17	4.14%	17	4.14%	18	4.38%

Source Adult Transport Survey

6. Should the council continue to provide discretionary travel to schools which are not the nearest school

Response	Number of Responses	% of respondents
Agree	110	<b>26.76%</b>
Disagree	73	<b>17.76%</b>
Don't know	9	<b>2.19%</b>
Neither agree nor disagree	67	<b>16.30%</b>
Strongly agree	92	<b>22.38%</b>
Strongly disagree	57	<b>13.87%</b>

Source Adult Transport Survey

7. Which service directly affects you? NA

8. Please describe how you would be affected if one or more of these services is discontinued? NA

9. Which if any of the discretionary services below would you want to be continued? Please rank in order of preference 1-5, with 1 being your first preference

	Transport to faith schools		Post 16 transport		Post 16 transport for SEN		Free travel to a school not the nearest		Continue none	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
RANK 1	67	16.30%	32	7.79%	215	52.31%	39	9.49%	45	10.95%
RANK 2	50	12.17%	121	29.44%	102	24.82%	79	19.22%	22	5.35%
RANK 3	55	13.38%	112	27.25%	50	12.17%	146	35.52%	14	3.41%
RANK4	114	27.74%	96	23.36%	19	4.62%	111	27.01%	34	8.27%
RANK 5	101	24.57%	19	4.62%	5	1.22%	9	2.19%	216	52.55%
No response	24	5.84%	31	7.54%	20	4.87%	27	6.57%	80	19.46%

Source Adult Transport Survey



## 7. Demography: About the survey respondents

### Children Survey

#### Respondents by age range

Age range	No.
11-16 (Year 7 – 11)	145
16- 18 (Year 12 -13)	76
16-25 (Students with SEN)	38
4-11 (Reception to year 6)	12
Grand Total	271

Source Adult Transport Survey

### Adult Survey

#### Gender

Female	963
Male	441
Prefer not to say	34
Grand Total	1438

Source Adult Transport Survey

#### Ethnicity

Any other Asian background	4
Any other background	10
Any other Black background	1
Any other white background	44
Arab	2
Asian or Asian British - Bangladeshi	3
Asian or Asian British - Indian	14
Asian or Asian British - Kashmiri	1
Asian or Asian British - Pakistani	10
Black or Black British - African	11
Mixed - White & Black Caribbean	5
Prefer not to say	59
White British	1200
White Irish	43
Black or Black British - Caribbean	7
Chinese	2
Mixed - White & Black African	4
Any other mixed background	2
Mixed - White & Asian	4
Grand Total	1426

Source Adult Transport Survey

#### Disability

No	1308
Prefer not to say	45
Yes	81
Grand Total	1434

Source Adult Transport Survey

#### Disability Type

Physical impairment, (such as using a wheelchair to get around and / or difficulty using your arms)	27
Visual impairment, (such as being blind or partially sighted)	4
Hearing impairment, (such as being deaf or hard of hearing )	7
Mental health condition, (such as depression or schizophrenia)	14
Learning disability, (such as Downs syndrome or dyslexia) or cognitive impairment (such as autism or head-injury)	19
Disability Type: Prefer not to say	7

Source Adult Transport Survey

#### Sexual Orientation

Bisexual	6
Gay man	10
Heterosexual/ straight	1201
Lesbian/ Gay woman	16
Prefer not to say	158
Grand Total	1391

Source Adult Transport Survey

#### Religion

Christian	938
Hindu	4
Jewish	5
Muslim	22
No belief	116
No religion	151
Other	49
Prefer not to say	107
Sikh	6
Buddhist	2
Grand Total	1400

Source Adult Transport Survey

#### Carer status

No	1073
Prefer not to say	65
Yes	261
Grand Total	1399

Source Adult Transport Survey

#### How many children do you have?

1	264
2	551
3	221
4	64
5 or more	25
None	284
Grand Total	1409

Source Adult Transport Survey

#### What age are your children?

Age 4 -11	639
Age 12-16	730
Age 17-19	293
Age 20-25	62

Source Adult Transport Survey

#### Do any of the children and young people in your family have a disability?

No	916
Yes	184
Grand Total	1100

Source Adult Transport Survey

#### Postcode of respondent

BD11	2
BD13	1
HD8	1
LS	1
LS1	4
LS10	35
LS11	40
LS12	77
LS13	65
LS14	58
LS15	95
Ls16	79
Is17	105
LS18	78

LS18 5QT	1
Is19	39
Is2	11
LS20	16
Is21	47
LS22	20
LS23	21
Ls25	46
LS25 7PA	1
LS26	24
Is27	30
Is28	119
Ls28 8bz	1
LS29	27
Is4	9
LS5	13
Ls6	41
LS6 1LU	1
LS64	1
LS7	50
LS7 4NQ	1
LS8	77
LS8 2PW	1
Is8 3ne	1
LS9	29
wf3	18
WF31JF	1
WF5	2
Is8 3dy	1
LS 15	1
wf10 2bh	1
wf10	1
wf4	1
BD18	2
Ls131lf	1
HG4 1NP	1
bd23	1
WF2	2
Prefer not to say	1
LS63LU	1
Wf13	1
Is12 2sy	1
BD17	4
LS28BL	1

HD1	1
WF17	1
BD11 1DT	1
WF13 2JY	1
HG2	1
Ls20 9BQ	1
y08	1
yo24	1
DN6	1
CO9	1
Ls17 6nr	1
LS9 6SR	1
wf14	1
hd3	1
BD4	3
WF7	1
LS14 1LA	1
bd10	1
LS 25	2
BD20	2
BD2	2
la28	1
Grand Total	1337

Source Adult Transport Survey

## **8. Selection of quotes from open questions from the Adult Transport Survey**

### **Q2. Leeds City Council currently provides discretionary transport for children who choose to attend a school on the basis of faith and beliefs.**

- The law only requires Leeds City Council to find transport to faith schools for families on low income
- Our neighbouring local authorities no longer fund transport to faith schools on a discretionary basis
- It currently costs approximately £800,000 per year to fund this type of transport and affects about 2600 children

#### **Equality (1)**

+Please continue to stand by your view of becoming the best child friendly city. Taking this away is discriminating against those children who chose a school based on faith, it's not our fault they are so far away.

+The current policy enables all members of a particular faith or denomination equality of access to a school of that faith or denomination regardless of social/economic background. This means our faith schools serve wide catchment areas drawing pupils from both the better off and deprived areas into the same establishment and served as equals. Removal of the subsidy would necessarily bar entry to those of modest means especially in these straightened times depriving families of their freedom to choose a school of religious character (on that ground alone) unless they have the means to fund transport or live within the statutory walking distance. Large areas of Leeds have no faith school provision within the statutory walking distance and so families in these areas would necessarily be denied the choice of a local faith school - unless they can afford it.

+Education should be based primarily on what is the right place for the individual and not what costs the least to the tax payer. It is what sets us apart from the poor educational standards adopted by the US system, which is motivated by the state paying as little for its people as possible. We should be taking a more holistic approach to education and maximising the opportunities for our young people to pursue an education in an environment which best suits them. Cutting this funding would drastically reduce the numbers of students able to go to faith schools because of the associated extra costs involved. This is a short-sighted cost cutting plan which looks good on paper but will reap negative results in the long-term.

+Families should be entitled to freely choose the right school for their children. Some families choose to educate their children in the faith schools, the cost of transport to these schools should not be a factor in this decision, especially if the parents are contributing to their local economy through taxes, and employment.

+The current system works really well and provides excellent value for money and is such a small proportion of the total budget. This is outright discrimination against families who choose to send their children to the nearest faith school and it is shocking that children are being targeted in budget cuts.

+It is another attack on the right of parents to choose a school with a religious character for their child, as this proposal implicitly suggests that you should choose your local community school.

+By not continuing with this policy would be discriminatory and contra to the council's avowed statement that cuts will not cause education to suffer.

+I do not think children should be discriminated against on the basis of faith. We live in a Christian country and should support that.

+It is a blatant discrimination and will be fought all the way. We as parents will be contacting our MPs on this very serious issue.

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Helping families on low incomes is one thing but to provide free school transport simply because a child attends a "faith school" is wrong, they should cover their own costs. How can it be justified? Why do those attending "faith schools" get free transport anyway? It costs me £100 per month to send my 2 children to school, so much for equality!

## **Family Finance (2)**

2+

Families have a right to practice their faith and to provide an environment in which their children can develop and practice their faith during their time in education. This means sending their children to a Catholic (faith) school is part of that right. The withdrawal of transport funding to allow children to attend faith schools will leave many families with either increased financial worries, with the need to find even more cash for what in essence is a basic right or the heart breaking and indeed unacceptable position of making the decision to attend local secondary schools, which in some cases will cause untold distress as they are forced to abandon a catholic education within an educational environment.

They are at school for such a long time it could be crippling financially for those parents who are not on low income but are only just making ends meet.

Bus fares are expensive, as a single parent it is difficult to support transport and also lunches, it will cost my daughter £10 per day to go to college which I cannot sustain. She is looking for a part-time job but they are also difficult to find.

My family have hardly any money, if these funds stopped I would have no way to get into college as my mother is a single mother and starts work at 4 am. I am on a very low basic wage on 6 hours a week, there would be no way I could afford transport.

It appears that removing funding will affect the children and their education - even those who aren't on the lowest incomes will struggle to fund transport.

The Council have a responsibility to enable all families to access faith schools without financial issues being the main barrier to achieving this.

Children who attend faith schools are entitled to do so by law whatever one's private reservations about this. Many children have to travel a considerable distance to exercise this

right. Therefore it makes no sense to put obstacles in their way by obliging them to pay what are often very high transport charges (higher than in many other places especially if students have to take two buses, which is common in the numerous parts of Leeds which are not well served, therefore necessitating their having to buy an expensive day rider). Families which have more than one child in education will be particularly hard hit and the situation may be exacerbated if, due to falling uptake, the school buses which serve these schools are deemed too expensive to run. It just isn't fair!

2-

If well off families choose to send their child to a faith school that will incur transport costs they should be willing to pay for this. However, we believe this should be phased out over time so families who are currently funded for transport retain this until their child leaves school but no new funding is allocated for the future. Is there a potential for claims under Human Rights if a children are not able to attend a faith school of choice due to no transport costs?

If a parent wants a child to attend a specific faith school they should try make sure that it is within that child's ability to be able to get there and not necessarily rely on transport to be provided.

If the decision is in fact a personal choice based on religion it should be funded by the family, if they are unable to afford it, they should use the closest school with an RE programme. This is my opinion of ALL religions

### **Support to attend provision (3)**

3+

My child wishes to attend a C of E school but will be unable to do so should the transport be withdrawn.

I feel that transport to and from an educational establishment should always be free to students, regardless of faith.

It's my opinion that all families should be funded with transport irrespective of the income.

### **Council Duty (4)**

4+

The Council have a responsibility to enable all families to access faith schools without financial issues being the main barrier to achieving this.

The low percentage of overall transport costs that this figure represents (5pc), unfairly weights this question. Does LCC want to join the councils who only do the minimum? Can it be reasonably argued that LCC is "friendly" towards the cultural and faith needs of its populous if that is in fact the attitude.



## **Transport (5)**

Surely from an environmental perspective a small number of buses going directly to a small number of faith schools is better than 2600 separate children making their own way to school buy car, bus, taxi, train, public bus etc. Leeds city council has always prided itself on its child friendly and inclusive ethos, this does not seem the case when faith comes into play !!! Shame on you Leeds city council.

If the bus service was to cease due to cost cutting/parents not being able to afford the fares, then this would cause all sorts of problems. For example, having to catch two public service buses that aren't as reliable as the school buses. Or having to drive the children to school, which in turn contributes to road congestion and pollution and has an impact on parents getting to work!

2,600 children is a large proportion That also could equate to 2,600 extra cars on the road, increasing already problematic congestion in Leeds West.

## **Other (7)**

If changes are to be made to the policy of providing free school transport then the only way it should be done is to change the policy for new pupils only.

by following through with this suggestion it will prevent many students being able to go on to study and continue their education in college. Meaning that more people will either be unemployed or have to seek employment. If people are unable to get a job then they will have to claim benefits which will cost the government even more money to pay these people to live

## **Other: Recommended Means Testing Only (8)**

I attend Notre Dame Catholic Sixth Form. I am not a Catholic, but attend the college due the high quality of the teaching at the college. If Free Bus Passes were no longer available, the college would not receive as many applicants, which would be a great loss for students and the college alike. Also, families on a low income should receive Free Passes, without a shadow of a doubt.

Helping families on low incomes is one thing but to provide free school transport simply because a child attends a "faith school" is wrong, they should cover their own costs. How can it be justified? Why do those attending "faith schools" get free transport anyway? It costs me £100 per month to send my 2 children to school, so much for equality!

## **Other Safety concerns (9)**

My children and grandchildren need school transport as my daughter suffers with epilepsy and my two grandchildren are looked after. It would be a great danger to all of them if they were forced to use public transport due to the seriousness of their cases which i cannot put down here. Also many children need this help for many reasons, and it is a disgrace children should suffer because of saving money.

A number of young people who are part of families on low income and/or have learning difficulties are vulnerable to a number of risks. This is one of the reasons they need transport

to and from educational settings. One of the boys this proposal will affect is a young teenage boy who has been targeted by a number of perpetrators for child sexual exploitation. This boy makes decisions that have put his safety risk and has resulted in him being the victim of child sex offences. If he does not have transport to and from this will make it easier for him to access perpetrators and for perpetrators to access him! I hope the decision to stop transport will be reconsidered as I believe this will be a factor that could increase the risk of this boy becoming involved in sexual exploitation/abuse.

**Other: Concern about concerns about moving pupils to other more local schools as a consequence of change (10)**

The withdrawal of transport funding to allow children to attend faith schools will leave many families with either increased financial worries, with the need to find even more cash for what in essence is a basic right or the heart breaking and indeed unacceptable position of making the decision to attend local secondary schools, which in some cases will cause untold distress as they are forced to abandon a catholic education within an educational environment. This has also other implications to other local families who will find there are even more children applying for places within the local catchment area, given rise to increased stress among the community as a whole. Places such as Horsforth are already experiencing high admissions applications and the community has grown around its access to good schools including the primary schools. If many of the catholic children who currently go to Menston are applying for Horsforth High, where does that leave the children and consequently the applications from other local primary schools. This one act can have a ripple effect throughout the area and the same is true for other areas that currently attend Menston St Marys'. I'm not sure many Cllrs would want areas such as Horsforth to have a shift in its population as families realize going to the catholic high school means yet another cost. Future families may choose other locations to set up home.

This is in effect a tax on children attending a faith school. I appreciate that this may be the way forward in the future but to apply this to children already attending the school is very cruel. Parents have made budgets and plans based on costs they expect to incur. I do feel it is very unfair to apply it to children that already attend where the parents have little choice, either pay this money or move the child. This will also lead to parents on low income but not on benefits struggling to find the money to send their child to a school of their choosing and well off parents that are able to find this money once again being unaffected.

Without free transport parents are becoming more and more likely to change from faith schools to community high schools at the detriment of their child's learning.

**Q3: Leeds City Council currently provides Post 16 discretionary transport to mainstream schools and colleges?**

- The law does not require Leeds City Council to meet the cost of home to school/college transport for young people over the age of 16
- Our neighbouring local authorities do not make free transport available to this group of young people
- It costs approximately £1.36 million per year and affects about 4,245 young people.

## **Equality (1)**

+ALL young people regardless of faith, race, SEN should be helped as much as possible to get the best education possible. Transport costs could mean the difference between studying or joining the dole queues. The latter would incur a greater cost to society long term.

+The proposal seems to have been introduced with little appreciation of the impact such a significant change has on the families and children likely to be affected by this proposal.

## **Family finance (2)**

+I think a subsidised fare should be offered to these young people, I don't remember having free travel when I went to college 25 years ago, but I did get free fares to school because I lived over 3 miles away!!

+Most families and young people cannot afford transport now due to government cuts and no jobs, and it is unjust to take help away from young people who are trying to help themselves, I think the council has a duty to help its young citizens, it would be a massive mistake to stop this, and will be challenged.

+The council should not blanket fund this but some account has to be taken of families personal circumstances. In its drive to be a child friendly city there is a particular question around post 16 - would this negate the obsession on NEET?

+In the college where I work (and which my children attended) high quality, faith education will be denied to a lot of our students who are, in many cases, the first in their families to access this level of education but who cannot afford to help them with their bus fares. These families are not quite 'poor enough'. Students will therefore have to get part time jobs thereby jeopardising their studies.

+By stopping this you are stopping extraordinary young people from attending the best colleges due to transport difficulties, financial difficulties and distance, which could further diminish their chances of going to a good university and making a difference.

-How can this be justified? If it is only provided those who are from low income homes then fine, but why is it provided for everyone over 16?

-Once over 16 children should begin to be more responsible.

## **Support to attend provision (3)**

+ALL young people regardless of faith, race, SEN should be helped as much as possible to get the best education possible. Transport costs could mean the difference between studying or joining the dole queues. The latter would incur a greater cost to society long term.

+Children are the key to the future of Leeds, if +16 year olds can't afford to get to places of further education then number will dwindle and the council will face more problems in the long run with vandalism, graffiti, violence etc. for bored, under-educated children.

+I choose to come to college and if the zero fare pass is removed I will not be able to afford to make the commute to college

+I believe that all students should be provided with the ability to travel to and from school/college free of charge.

+I realise it is expensive but feel that everything possible should be done to assist a child's education.

+Just because they maybe over the age of 16, doesn't mean that they able to catch a bus by themselves. By providing this service also supports the family.

#### **Council Duty (4)**

+I do feel this is a cost the council should make as a priority. We have a civil duty to manage our children and give as many opportunities for them to flourish in good quality educational establishments that require transportation which cannot be accessed via public transport.

+There should be no change to the current arrangements.

#### **Other – impact of transport/access to public transport (5)**

I understand the need to cut back on Free Bus Passes. However, those on low income should still receive a Free Pass - not reduced. Moreover, this cut will discourage taking the bus, and encourage driving (for those that can afford it), which will completely contradict the initiative of eco-friendly travel.

The buses are running to the schools. It costs no more for them to run full than 1/2 empty.

The law requires that if you have to travel beyond a certain distance in order to receive an education, then the transport has to be subsidised.

#### **Other (7)**

One of the biggest money saving options, at this age they are only have a couple more years study to do before entering the big wide world also a way if instilling money management.

If money is to be saved why not follow Wakefield's example - all children starting in 2014 onwards have to pay, send the information out with schools admissions therefore parents choose to send their children knowing they will have to pay - children already attending or starting this September didn't have that information to make an informed decision.

Educational opportunities should not be further reduced by extending the 'postcode lottery'.

A compromise of students paying half the fare could be made by the council.

#### **Other – children should be able to access the most appropriate education (8)**

Whilst this is a desirable funding objective its removal would not deprive post 16 students the choice or opportunity of accessing further education or training although it may constrain their choice of course thereby forcing local schools and colleges to widen the choice of courses on offer.

Students have a right to continue their post 16 education in an educational establishment that is most suitable to their needs and education. If this means that they continue in their faith school as that is where they feel they can succeed they should not have the stress nor their families of trying to fund transport costs. Once again applying local may either mean taking second best when it comes to courses or taking some other students place from the local community. If a student feels a faith school is right for them post 16, families should not be distressed as they realize that the costs are too high and they have to abandon their faith school.

Leeds City Council prides itself on its diversity and Abbey Grange welcomes pupils from every part of Leeds to share and create a positive experience of education. The council should not blanket fund this but some account has to be taken of families personal circumstances. In its drive to be a child friendly city there is a particular question around post 16 - would this negate the obsession on NEET?

This gives young people, from sometimes deprived areas, choice to attend some of the best post 16 education in Leeds within a supportive environment. Being able to maintain their faith and beliefs at this age, can be beneficial and should be supported.

It is really important for the education of our children that there is continuity available so that children can stay on at their faith schools and attend the 6th form facilities. Changing this policy of free buses to post 16 year olds will threaten the very educational standards achieved by our children.

#### **Other - existing concessionary support is sufficient (10)**

At this stage they are only in education till they are 18 so this should be manageable to find a college/school suitable

#### **Q4: Leeds City Council currently provides Post 16 discretionary transport for young people with Special Educational Needs (SEN)?**

- Children and young people with a statement of SEN often qualify for funded transport
- The current policy in Leeds also provides funded transport for young people over 16 up to the age of 25
- Most local authorities continue to provide transport for young people with SEN who remain in education - some make charges and the amount of support available varies
- It costs approximately £2.6 million per year and affects about 350 young people.

#### **No one should pay (2)**

ALL young people regardless of faith, race, SEN should be helped as much as possible to get the best education possible. Transport costs could mean the difference between studying or joining the dole queues. The latter would incur a greater cost to society long term.

Everybody should have equal access to study, to enhance their chance of a successful career.

Education to schools that cater for all needs, needs to be accessed by all. Pupils that are SEN should be able to access educational facilities as all do. Unfortunately like faith schools

these are not on people's door steps and it is a basic right to have access to them no matter what the cost.

There should be no change to the current arrangements.

For many of these young people they would not be able to attend school without this provision

### **Need to review all other possible transport options (3)**

These figures need looking at. The highest transport costs for the smallest ratio of children whatever their needs cannot be right. LCC waste money on numerous taxis with escorts when a single journey on an adapted minibus would be sufficient. Single taxis with chaperons are an expensive option which is open to abuse of the system by the Taxi companies. It is a known area of fraud by the providers and some users.

This depends on individual cases. I know that often young people with SEN take taxis to and from school and this is inefficient and a waste of resources/funding. The policy for this group needs to be revised and made more cost effective.

Those with Special Educational Needs most likely need free transport, however, maybe they should be assessed on a case by case basis, I'm sure people with "Special Educational Needs" have different issues affecting them, with some who require more help due to them having more serious/complex needs.

Some of the cost should be met by charitable donations. By committing to a written agreement from the parents to get sponsorship etc. the percentage should be say 30%

### **SEN people specifically should be supported (7)**

We agree that the council has a big responsibility for young people with special needs, and it would be a cruel and unjust way to act towards our vulnerable people who rely totally on help from council services.

These are some of our most vulnerable children and young people. If the council does not fund and arrange transport they may not attend school on a regular basis. Is there the possibility of school clusters having funding to organise transport which could be more cost effective?

Children and young people with SEN are some of the most vulnerable and their opportunities for education and learning can often be limited by the nature of their disabilities. To take away transport from such a group would limit the likelihood of them going on to further education, training or seeking employment. Many of the young people not only enjoy the educational benefits of going to school or college but also the social benefits of mixing with young people of their own age and with similar interests, something that those of us without special needs take for granted! Also would it not be more expensive for the council if this provision was withdrawn as presumably these young people would have to be accommodated in other facilities? I also feel that it would not reflect well on our city if this provision for the most vulnerable was withdrawn.

Young adults with SEN cannot always use public transport and many go to schools not within easy reach of where they live. Local authority transport is essential for most of the pupils and their families.

Accessible transport for this vulnerable group is essential for the independence and well-being of the students and their families. The effect of withdrawing free transport could be a false economy, where carers already at breaking point are put under added financial and emotional stress and so leading to pressures on other services.

The service enables them to continue some stability that a SEN child requires no matter what age they are. They maybe 16+ but their mind not be.

### **Need to review as costs too high (8)**

The cost of this transport is totally out of proportion to the number of children affected.

The amount of money currently being spent seems remarkably high. I would expect there to be very good reasons for this but nevertheless the current provision should be examined for better and more efficient means of delivering desired outcomes.

### **Some level of charging is required (10)**

Looks like you could already make savings here by changing the age and making some charges for certain travel

### **Reduce ages that receive this support (13)**

Could bring the age down and as stated look at bring amount of money/ support you give.

I agree that anyone who is of school age (post 18) should be given free transport to school regardless of whether they are classed as SEN. I don't understand why free transport should be given to anyone over this age as it is their choice to stay in education, again regardless of SEN.

I appreciate that special needs children are more vulnerable but does this really need to be provided up to the age of 25? It should be brought into line with other further education age limits, perhaps extended to age 20 to take account of the special needs. The cost of £2.6m for 350 young people is disproportionate and should be compared to £1.36m for 4245 or £800,000 for 2600.

### **Q6: Leeds City Council currently provides discretionary travel to a school which is not the nearest appropriate school?**

- Sometimes we are unable to provide a place at a school within 3 miles of a child's home address
- If the policy was changed the children would still qualify for free transport, but only if they were attending their nearest school and it was more than 3 miles away
- The law does not require Leeds City Council to provide this free transport
- It costs £150,000 per year and affects just under 200 children

### **Don't change/council should continue funding (1)**

Providing transport is a necessity and should be a priority of the council. I note that the least monetary option is preferred however taking these busses away will be a step back in time. We live in a society where the government have placed people in communities that prey on young vulnerable children that can be avoided by keeping this transport.

You are willing to pay for children who have to go schools more than 3 miles away because you have placed them there. You should also be willing to pay for those children who want to go to these schools. Give the student more choice and less restrictions!!

If a child cannot get a place in a nearby school they should not be penalized further by having to pay transport costs.

### **Look at cost of different options (3)**

As I have said before I agree that all post 18 receive transport to school so I do agree with this question but why should you take away free transport to faith schools and not all schools in general?

### **Fund only to next nearest school/nearest (4)**

If this is the nearest school a child can attend then they should qualify for free transport - the key is to making sure children can get into their local school. Do some admissions policies need revisiting / tightening up - some parents use various strategies to take up places at 'good' schools and thereby deny children a place who live more locally.

### **Should not be discretionary (6)**

As the population grows not all children are going to get their preferred school. Would also be peace of mind for the parents who may need to work knowing that their child is able to get to school on their own and does not cost them financially. Could end up with even more school appeals.

Freedom of choice is a basic right, attending a faith school which produces excellent results and has positive influences on pupils all over Leeds must be beneficial to the whole population.

Why should the child and family be punished just cause a school place could not be found at appropriate school

This is helpful to children and families, and at such a low cost to the authority wouldn't the review and consultation of it cost more.

### **Needs based assessment (9)**

If a child is attending their nearest school then transport should be free as long as the parents need the financial support to do this. As most people in this category are probably wealthy then it should be means tested.



If your child was a genius but had to go to a shabby sixth form/college simply because it was over 3 miles away then you would be devastated. Financial matters should be assisted for the gifted and talented.

#### **Don't fund if parents making a choice (10)**

In the case of the school being chosen for faith reasons , and being more than 3 miles away .the council should in the first instance pay it all, but if this is not possible a half fare paid /subsidy to be put in place.

#### **Fund if nearest school not available (11)**

If Education cannot provide an appropriate local school then the transport should be provided to take that child to an appropriate school. And an appropriate school is one that meets faith needs also.

#### **Fund for children of families on low income only (13)**

Free/reduced costs for school transport should only be for those who are from low income homes and who would not otherwise go to school.

#### **Leeds wants to be a Child Friendly City (15)**

£150,000 for 200 children. This figure needs looking at and the children need picking up by bus and not by taxi. As this works out at £750 per child compared to the cost of £307.69 per child for providing transport to a faith school.

#### **Parental choice of school regardless of location (17)**

This proposal is clear evidence of discrimination against those parents who wish to send their children to faith schools and the grounds for the proposed changes are very thin indeed. I completely oppose such proposals and believe that we should be allowed to continue to send our children to the nearest faith school within our diocese.

As a resident of Leeds I would like my children to have the option of going to a school for religious and educational excellence reasons rather than the nearest to our home.

#### **Q8: Please describe how you would be affected if one or more of these services is discontinued?**

##### **Family finance (2)**

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I could not afford a daily charge of £5 for travel to school and so would have to send my kids to a second choice of school.

We will have three children attending the same school and never qualify for anything. We have already cut budgets to a bare minimum and would struggle to find the money to send our children to school.

### **Support to attend provision (3)**

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My children attend faith schools and I am in full support of continued support of transport costs even though this does not directly affect us as we live within 3 miles

### **Council duty (4)**

This would put my children and grandchildren in serious danger if transport was stopped for their faith school which could ultimately end up in the courts if anything happened. Why is the council targeting catholic schools? This is discrimination, and needs to be challenged.

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My children attend faith schools and I am in full support of continued support of transport costs even though this does not directly affect us as we live within 3 miles.

I applied for my son under the knowledge that his transport would be paid for - there was no mention of this consultation last August when admissions opened. It feels unfair to those attending and those who have accepted places for September.

### **Other – impact of transport/access to public transport (5)**

I'm not currently effected in any way but when children go to secondary school I would be financially impacted upon as the roads would be more congested and as a result I wouldn't make it to work on time which might affect my employment position. This would also be a bad move for our carbon footprint having so many cars bumper to bumper on the roads!! Creating this would not go hand in hand with government policies!!!

The effects would be huge. The financial one is the obvious one at this time but the bus service does not operate a direct service to the school. It would mean hauling my other children for the next six years out of the house and taking them to the nearest bus stop to catch the direct buss which will place additional strain on the road networks. I think the council will be robbing Peter to pay Paul as every action has a reaction and careful thought needs to be given understanding the impact it will have at faith and council run schools. What looks like a saving will end up costing the economy more and impact on the income streams of the council.

We are both working parents and would find it impossible to get the children to school some distance away and then get to work on time, particularly as the traffic will be grid locked by all the extra cars on the road.

My child will now be on the bus for almost 1 hour to travel less than 3 miles. This has almost doubled as a result of the cuts. He now has to catch his bus 7.17am to start school by 8.25am!! What a waste of time. The main reason less pupils catch the bus in the morning is that the service is poor, unreliable and more often than not late!

The additional school costs would have to be budgeted in, potentially changing school to a non-Catholic local school if there is a place. We would struggle to take both children

ourselves as they are in different schools (Junior/High) and we are both working parents. Due to location, our child would have to catch 3 public buses to and from school every day, creating earlier mornings and later nights!

### **Other (7)**

I would not personally be affected but my students would.

The two options that I have ticked are the only options available to someone committed to exercising their right to send their children to the school of their faith. The remaining three options appear to be conclusion the council wants me to make.

### **Other – children should be able to access the most appropriate education (8)**

This proposal places our children in highly vulnerable positions and is based solely on marginal savings that the council would achieve in withdrawing a service that supports the quality of education of our children

I would transport my child by car the 6.5 miles to my nearest faith high school. This would necessitate my making arrangements for my younger children to taken to my local faith primary (less than 2 miles from home) creating childcare issues. In order to protect my children's right occasion access to a faith based education I would have to leave my current employment in order to transport my children to the high school. I am willing to make that sacrifice.

I applied for my son under the knowledge that his transport would be paid for - there was no mention of this consultation last August when admissions opened. It feels unfair to those attending and those who have accepted places for September.

### **Negative impact on young people e.g. safety/independence/wellbeing (11)**

This would out my children and grandchildren in serious danger if transport was stopped for their faith school which could ultimately end up in the courts if anything happened .Why is the council targeting catholic schools? This is discrimination, and needs to be challenged.

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### **Family – negative impact on (13)**

As I am unable to afford the cost of transport for my twins I am left no alternative but to give up working full time so that I can take them to school in my car adding to congestion etc. I was not made aware of these proposals when I completed the preference forms for secondary school. The forms issued by LCC last year indicated transport was provided. My human right to be a practicing Catholic is now compromised as I cannot send them to the nearest Catholic school unless I work less hours. A consequence of which I will pay less tax to Leeds City Council.

I have four children and would find myself having to fund three children to their secondary school despite the fact that St Mary's Menston is their local most appropriate, i.e based on faith as a practising catholic family, school. This would put our family under increased financial strain for something which we feel is a right i.e. to practice our faith and to give our children the opportunity to be educated in a faith school. Sending them to the local high school would not only mean that other children in the local area would lose their place at Horsforth but would be greatly distressing to my children. If it was a luxury that the funding was being considered removing than I would see the need but this is about children getting to school, to a school appropriate to them without putting families in the distressing position of weighing up the costs both financially and emotionally. And it isn't just families on low incomes that have to consider the cost, the middle income band , many of which are the families affected by this proposal are now in a position that finding extra money is increasingly difficult.

This would affect me financially, not currently deemed to be on a low income but only just making ends meet. This would be another financial burden. And make me have to consider driving child to school then me to work where I currently take the bus. Child Friendly City not yet and possible along way to go for those children not on a low income.

I wouldn't be able to do the job I'm in now. So not only would I have to look at reducing my hours or job but this would then affect me financially.

If the transport for faith schools is removed, and parents are having to take their children to school, I don't see how I can take siblings to 2 different locations. I would not be able to work the same hours, which would have an impact on my income, therefore my whole family life would be dramatically affected.

#### **Attendance – may no longer be able to attend provision (15)**

Although the financial implications of the discontinuation of this service would be the primary issue, the effects of this would be vast with a large amount of money needed to transport me to/from college.

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I work at a faith school which is a feeder school to a school which is a 40minute bus journey away. If bus passes are no longer given to the children choosing this school this would have an effect on their choice of school which may have a detrimental effect on the numbers of children applying for our school.

#### **Leeds wants to be a Child Friendly City (16)**

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driving child to school then me to work where i currently take the bus. Child Friendly City not yet and possible along way to go for those children not on a low income.

**Q10: Have you any suggestions on how these transport services could be delivered differently, better or more cost effectively?**

**Make processes/transport more efficient to save costs (1)**

Consider other bus companies with more competitive tenders maybe from outside Leeds. Consider alternative fuel to reduce costs. Are there any bus companies or can buses undergo conversion to use recycled fuel. I think some lorries have gone down this route. Maybe not have so many different routes and pickups, maybe a central pick up for Horsforth, Pudsey etc. and a central drop off, reducing the mileage of going around the area.

Re look at the bus company who provide poor value for money, savings are bound to be available here. Competition is needed.

Leeds could learn from experiences of other LAs who already only meet statutory duties and find out how this was managed and where the 'bear pits' are. Look at whether the system is cost effective - one child in a taxi each day is not cost effective - can children be transported in groups - it may take slightly longer but some compromise has to be made. School clusters and families of schools will have ideas around making savings in these areas - they work on a daily basis with the children and families involved. The concern is for low income families who have already been hit by recent cuts - we do not want any barriers to children attending school.

I do think that there may be smarter ways of working for example, where I live there are 3 young people with SEN all who receive free transport. Admittedly they all go to different establishments but surely it must be more cost effective to send just one vehicle to a particular area to pick up the young people and then transport them to each establishment dropping them off along the route? Currently three different minibuses/ taxis are seen on our street!

There must be some way forward of harnessing the Metro subsidy given for school transport, in that it would partway fund the travel costs. The Council could pay towards this and the parents would make up the shortfall.

**Need to review all other possible transport options (2)**

Smarter thinking on group transport rather than individual transport both on a costs and environmental basis. Look into the tendering processes for taxi companies and Metro these companies need to be providing a more detailed and cost effective way of providing their services. Group journeys by bus/minibus/coach which is more economical than single taxi journeys for SEN children/young adults or looked after children.

### **Some level of charging is required (3)**

What about a partly private funded option, so a contribution from parents and also the council. I am not sure how many children under 16 go to school in Leeds but surely 2600 is quite a small number - come on Leeds city council "child friendly and inclusive" - where's your ethos ?

I think the cost should be subsidised by a nominal fee for all or £10 per term per pupil. This would help maintain the service whilst creating income.

Remove free transport from new starters from September 2014 - parents then have the choice to send their children to faith school with the knowledge that transport will not be provided free of charge. Otherwise charge 50% of the pass price and the council meet the other 50% therefore everyone is responsible for the children's transport.

If children really do need to start paying for travel perhaps a very reduced rate of travel for each pupil. The council could pay a larger portion and the children just pay a small percentage to make it more affordable to families with more than one child.

I see plenty of buses standing idle in our city centre, take them off the roads during quieter periods... one bus I know runs every 7 minutes, this is never full, therefore a waste. These school buses are full everyday and night! Taking children to their education. Cut down idle time for buses and frequency, by doing this you will fill the buses and make them more cost effect.

Discontinue school buses where a public service is available . Continue to give all children free passes if possible , where not negotiate with public transport providers about fares , given that they will have more passengers could the rather excessive profit margin be reduced with an " in education " fare of 50p per journey ? This would reduce transport costs for parents by half but would still take away the burden from the council only a pass would need to be provided.

If transport services for SEN and children in care were more cost effective, then money would be available for more children to travel free of charge. I think a minimal charge per family NOT per pupil could be suggested as long as it was fair.

### **Means test based on ability to pay (4)**

The only sensible method of supporting the right people in this policy change would be to means test any support. This change does not affect me but if it did and I could afford to pay then I should. If financial support is needed then this should be available to ensure the child's education does not suffer. Any new children's travel should not be supported financially in any event.

### **No-one should pay (6)**

The option of subsidised travel for ALL children on public transport could save monies rather than discriminating against some groups in favour of others.

There are other ways to save money other than punishing children because of their belief, people in Leeds have had to take a pay cut, maybe all council bosses could do the same and save money this way. We need school transport for our children, and this must not be compromised.

### **Finance through other avenues e.g. higher taxes/cuts in other areas (8)**

If it is true that LCC is in the top ten for councils employing people paid over £50,000 per year, perhaps some further selective pruning at the executive level would very quickly contribute a sizeable portion of this troublesome 5% of transport costs. Another way to save quite a lot of money would be to include the provision of transport in the remit for public transport. I would have no problem with First Leeds proudly using the schools transport as a major advertising opportunity. This would, of course require the council's negotiators to be shrewd and quite hard nosed. Are they up for that?

No - this is an internal budgetary matter for council officers to face - and it is not appropriate for parents to have to make such a forced decision. Cuts can be made elsewhere that do not have a negative impact on vulnerable children in the district.

### **Need cheaper bus fares (9)**

Reduce bus fare for children/students if free bus passes are not available

### **If goes ahead, ensure is phased out (12)**

Remove free transport from new starters from September 2014 - parents then have the choice to send their children to faith school with the knowledge that transport will not be provided free of charge. Otherwise charge 50% of the pass price and the council meet the other 50% therefore everyone is responsible for the children's transport.

### **Other (14)**

Examine the number of school places in local communities and increase the quality of schools in local communities. Ideally children would be able to attend a good primary or secondary school in their local area, unless they required a faith school. This would mean many would be able to walk to school.

Bringing in more economical buses. I have noticed that the replacement from First to Geldards has brought in older less efficient buses to all areas within Leeds ( i know that, this was brought in through a tender process. which in some cases can be less practical. I would guarantee within 6 months Geldards pulling out). We are being drilled through government regulations etc. that greener more efficient services should be used. Why is the council not finding these. As one point raised at a meeting on the 15 April 2013 at 6pm Cardinal Heenan School" the cost of Diesel will (is) always be on the increase, which is effecting the cost of the transport for Schools". I would indicate that this is the major cost! So Why Couldn't all the Councils partition the Government to provide money and investment into greener buses (in the long term would help all) i.e. (electrical / green diesel etc). as stated some of the routes take approximately 40 to 50 minutes which are well under that time scales of electrical engines(if there are ones for buses?) to cars. What i am saying is that the tender documents you produce (or Metro produces) for the services on transport for schools, should include a clause, that the successful tenderer must invest in the government plans for greener engine

design and when the vehicles are manufactured, the tenderer should purchase these greener vehicles, with support of central government.

I don't believe that what you are proposing will be more cost effective. Where the children go to school, there are not enough school places within walking distance and therefore you would only end up having to provide transport to a school that is further away, hence not saving money.

All I know is that without transport some of these young people will have to get the bus from A to B and as it's not possible for their parents to accompany them (due to employment etc) this provides perpetrators with the opportunity to use this unsupervised time to groom, abuse and exploit these young people.

Rather than simply removing the transport subsidy it. Further if the transport has to be removed then it needs to be done on a gradual basis with a concession for siblings as Bath council have done. The briefing document is fundamentally flawed as neighbouring local authorities have not all removed faith school transport. i.e Bradford and Kirklees. The nearest major City to attempt to do so was Sheffield who has been forced to do a u turn after an expensive legal battle which I expect cost more than £800,000. I have much more to say but 2000 characters is not enough space, another flaw in this consultation.

This is an internal budgetary matter for council officers to face - and it is not appropriate for parents to have to make such a forced decision. Cuts can be made elsewhere that do not have a negative impact on vulnerable children in the district.

#### **Means test – not specified (16)**

Offer a money-generating fee-paying after-school hours bus service. Audit efficiencies in bus routes. Investigate a fairer way of means-testing families.



**8. Home to School/College Transport Survey**  
**Children and Young People's Version**

We want to seek the views of a wide range of children and young people. The following questions can be completed either individually or as a group.

Q1) Please tick which applies to you / your group:

Individual

Group

Age range

Age ranges (how many of each)

4-11 (Reception to Yr 6)

4-11 (Reception to Yr 6)

11-16 (Year 7 – 11)

11-16 (Year 7 -11)

16- 18 (Year 12 -13)

16-18 (Year 12-13)

18-25 (Students with SEN)

18-25 (Students with SEN)

Q2) Please tick which of the following transport services affects you or your group

- Free transport for children and young people who chose to attend a school based on faith / beliefs
  
- Free transport to a school which is not the nearest available school
  
- Free transport for young people aged 16+ to schools and colleges
  
- Free transport for young people aged 16+ with Special Educational Needs.

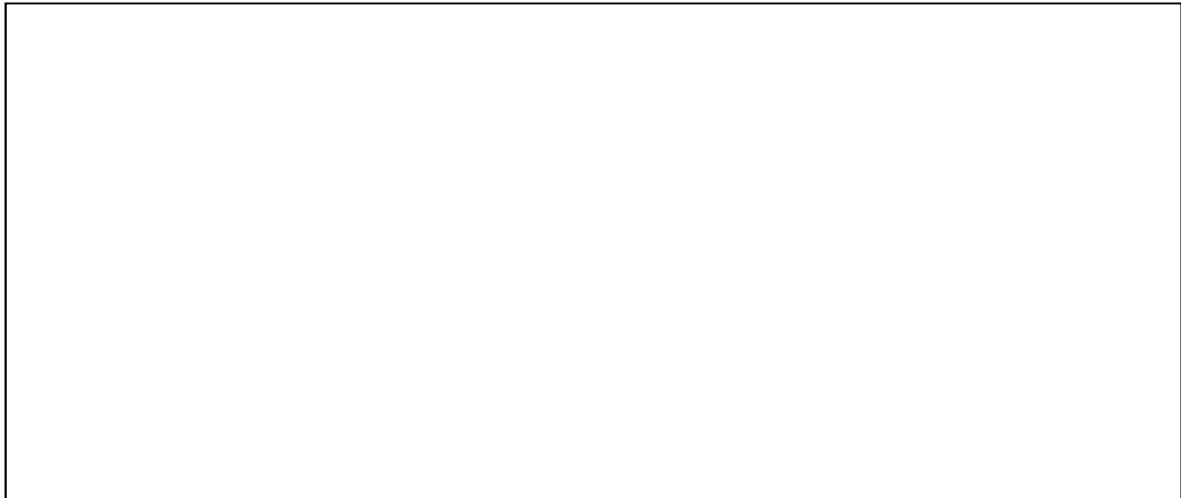
Q3) Describe in the boxes below how it would affect you or your group if any of the following services were not provided anymore?

Free transport for children and young people whose parent wants their child to attend a school based on faith / beliefs

Free transport to a school which is not the nearest available school

Free transport for young people aged 16+ to schools and colleges

Free transport for young people aged 16+ with Special Educational Needs



Q4) Leeds City Council has to make savings and reduce the cost of transport services, keeping things the same is not an option.

Can you or your group suggest ways of reducing the cost of providing these services that may also benefit children and young people in Leeds?

5) Any other comments?

## 9. Adult Survey

### Consultation Survey on Home to School/College Transport

Leeds City Council wishes to consult on the current transport policy which, in certain circumstances, provides funding to enable children and young people to get to school or college free of charge. The overall purpose of this consultation is to consider broad options for all current transport provision for children and young people and other ways to save money. Some of these options are about services we could decide to stop providing immediately. We want your views on how far you agree or disagree with any changes we might introduce.

There is more information on transport for children and young people in a briefing sheet at [www.leeds.gov.uk/schooltransport](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/schooltransport)

Please take time first to read this as it may help you in answering these questions.

This survey is designed for adults and young people aged 16+. There is a separate survey process to obtain the views of younger children and young people and is available on the following websites [Breeze](#), [Generation M](#) (Metro) and [Leeds Pathways](#).

**Q1: We want to make sure we get the views and opinions from a wide range of people. You may want to complete this survey as an individual or on behalf of a group with which you are involved.**

**Please tick which box applies to you:** *(you may tick more than one box)*

**For online version: Are you responding as an individual or on behalf of a group you are involved with?**

As an individual (go to qX)

On behalf of a group (go to qY)

**Individual response**

- Pupil/student
- Parent/carer
- Resident of Leeds
- Elected member
- Head teacher/teacher
- School governor
- Further Education provider
- Transport provider
- Council employee
- Officer of neighbouring LA
- Other (Please specify) :

**Group response**

- Please specify :

**Q2: Leeds City Council currently provides discretionary transport for children who choose to attend a school on the basis of faith or beliefs?**

*(more information is available in the consultation briefing paper)*

- The law only requires Leeds City Council to fund transport to faith schools for families on low income
- Our neighbouring local authorities no longer fund transport to faith schools on a discretionary basis
- It currently costs approximately £800,000 per year to fund this type of transport and affects about 2,600 children.

**How far do you agree or disagree that the council should continue to do this ? Please tick one box**

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

**Please use this box to add your comments and views:**

**Q3: Leeds City Council currently provides Post 16 discretionary transport to mainstream schools and colleges?**

*(more information is available in the briefing sheet)*

- The law does not require Leeds City Council to meet the cost of home to school/college transport for young people over the age of 16
- Many of neighbouring local authorities do not make free transport available to this group of young people
- It costs approximately £1.36 million per year and affects about 4,245 young people.

**How far do you agree/disagree that the council should continue to do this? Please tick one box**

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

**Please use this box to add your comments and views**

**Q4: Leeds City Council currently provides Post 16 discretionary transport for young people with Special Educational Needs (SEN)?***(more information is available in the consultation briefing paper)*

- Children and young people with a statement of SEN often qualify for funded transport
- The current policy in Leeds also provides funded transport for young people over 16 up to the age of 25
- Most local authorities continue to provide transport for young people with SEN who remain in education - some make charges and the amount of support available varies
- It costs approximately £2.6 million per year and affects about 350 young people.

**How far do you agree/disagree that the council should continue to do this?** *Please tick one box*

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

**Please use this box to add your comments and views:**



**Q5: Leeds City Council has a statutory duty to provide assistance to children aged 5-16 years, who have special educational needs (SEN) or learning difficulties, so that they can attend school** *(more information is available in the consultation briefing paper)*

- Assistance can take many forms: it can be a school bus pass; a bus pass that can be used anytime; someone to walk the child to school, a mileage allowance or if needed it could be a taxi or place on a minibus
- If we want to continue to provide some discretionary free transport we need to think about different ways of providing all transport including that which we must provide by law.

**How do you think the Council should provide such assistance in the future? Please rank in order of preference 1-4, with 1 being your first preference:**

- Ask all parents of children with SEN to make their own arrangements to transport their child to school and provide an appropriate personal budget for them to choose how to use the money
- Provide, where appropriate, independent travel training, which will support the young person to travel on their own by bus, and provide a school bus pass for their use
- Provide an individualised assessed package e.g. a travel buddy to accompany the pupil to and from school but only where the pupil is able to walk to school safely and easily. This might be a long or short term arrangement.

**Please use this box to describe any other measures you feel the Council could take in order for pupils with special needs to travel safely between home and school**

**Q6: Leeds City Council currently provides discretionary travel to a school which is not the nearest appropriate school?** *(more information is available in the consultation briefing paper)*

- Sometimes we are unable to provide a place at a school within 3 miles of a child's home address
- If the policy was changed the children would still qualify for free transport, but only if they were attending their nearest school and it was more than 3 miles away
- The law does not require Leeds City Council to provide this free transport
- It costs £150,000 per year and affects just under 200 children

**How far do you agree/disagree that the council should continue to do this? *Please tick one box***

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

**Please use this box to add your comments and views:**

**Q7: Please tick which service directly affects you?**

- Transport for children who choose to attend a school on the basis of faith or beliefs
- Post 16 transport to mainstream schools and colleges
- Post 16 transport for young people with Special Educational Needs (SEN)
- Free travel to a school that is not the nearest appropriate school
- I am not affected by any service

**Q8: Please describe how you would be affected if one or more of these services is discontinued? (you can tick more than one)**

- I am not affected by any service
- I would be affected financially
- I would change school preference
- I would have childcare issues
- I would make alternative arrangements
- Other (Please specify):

**Please use this box to add your comments and views:**

**Q9: Given that 'no change' is not an option, and Leeds City Council needs to make savings, we have to do something to reduce the cost of children and young people's transport.**

**Which if any of the discretionary services below would you want to be continued? Please rank in order of preference 1-5, with 1 being your first preference**

- Transport for children who choose to attend a school on the basis of faith or beliefs
- Post 16 transport to mainstream schools and colleges
- Post 16 transport for young people with Special Educational Needs (SEN)
- Free travel to a school which is not the nearest appropriate school
- None of the above should be continued

**Q10: Have you any suggestions on how these transport services could be delivered differently, better or more cost effectively?**

**Please use this box to add your suggestions and ideas:**

**Q11: Equality & diversity**

Leeds City Council is committed to fair treatment of all our existing and potential customers, our existing and potential employees and our partners. We are committed to ensuring that our practices and services are free from unlawful discrimination and they meet the needs of all sections of the community.

We would appreciate it if you could complete the equality monitoring questions below. This will help us in monitoring the fairness and effectiveness of our service delivery and employment practices and to develop future policies and services. You are under no obligation to provide the information requested and it will not make any difference to the service you receive if you do not answer them. However the more information we can collect the more effective our equality monitoring will be. The categories included have been informed by the National Census 2011 and characteristics protected by equality legislation.

The council is committed to keeping your information private and secure. The information you provide will be treated in the strictest confidence and in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. It will be collated into statistical data and used for no other purpose than for monitoring the fairness and effectiveness of our service delivery and employment practices. If we need to share any information with a third party we will make sure the same levels of protection are in place.

<b>Gender:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
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<b>Date of Birth:</b>
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<b>Ethnic origin:</b> Please indicate which best describes your ethnic origin
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<p><b>A White</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✘ English</li> <li>✘ Welsh</li> <li>✘ Scottish</li> <li>✘ Northern Irish</li> <li>✘ British</li> <li>✘ Irish</li> <li>✘ Any other White background - please write below</li> </ul> <p>.....</p>	<p><b>B Mixed/ multiple ethnic group</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✘ White and Asian</li> <li>✘ White and Black African</li> <li>✘ White and Black Caribbean</li> <li>✘ Any other mixed/multiple ethnic group – please write below</li> </ul> <p>.....</p>	<p><b>C Asian or Asian British</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✘ Bangladeshi</li> <li>✘ Chinese</li> <li>✘ Indian</li> <li>✘ Kashmiri</li> <li>✘ Pakistani</li> <li>✘ Any other Asian background – please write below</li> </ul> <p>.....</p>
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I prefer not to say	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Disability</b>	
Do you consider yourself to be disabled?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
I prefer not to say	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you have said yes, you consider yourself to be disabled, what is the nature of your impairment?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Physical impairment, (such as using a wheelchair to get around and / or difficulty using your arms)</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Visual impairment, (such as being blind or partially sighted)</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Hearing impairment, (such as being deaf or hard of hearing )</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Mental health condition, (such as depression or schizophrenia)</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Learning disability, (such as Downs syndrome or dyslexia) or cognitive impairment (such as autism or head-injury)</li></ul>



<input type="checkbox"/> Long-standing illness or health condition, (such as cancer, HIV, diabetes, chronic heart disease, or epilepsy)	
<input type="checkbox"/> I prefer not to say	<input type="checkbox"/>

<p><b>Sexual Orientation</b></p> <p>Please indicate which best describes your sexual orientation</p> <p>(Please note: if you are under the age of 16 years old you do not have to complete this section)</p>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Heterosexual/straight <input type="checkbox"/> Lesbian/Gay woman <input type="checkbox"/> Gay man <input type="checkbox"/> Bisexual	
<input type="checkbox"/> I prefer not to say	<input type="checkbox"/>

<p><b>Religion or Belief</b></p> <p>Please indicate which best describes your religion or belief</p>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Buddhist	<input type="checkbox"/> Sikh



<b>Where you live</b>
What is the first part of your postcode? (for example LS10):
I prefer not to say <span style="float: right;">⌘</span>

**Q12: How many children and young people aged 4 to 19 years are in your family?** Please include young people up to the age of 25 years if they have a Special Educational Need.

- None**
- 1**
- 2**
- 3**
- 4**
- 5 or more**

**Q:13 What age are the children and young people in your family?**

4-11

12-16

17-19

19-25

**Q:14 Do any of the children and young people in your family have a disability?**

Yes

No

**Thank you for filling in this questionnaire.**

**If you are completing a hard copy please return your completed form by email to [transpolicy.consult@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:transpolicy.consult@leeds.gov.uk) or**


**Children's Services Transport, 10<sup>th</sup> floor west, Merrion House, 110, Merrion Centre, Leeds LS2 8DT**

10. SEN focus group surveys

# All about how I get to places !

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**What is your name ?**

?   
**How old are you?**

?   
**Which area do you live in?**

? **Do you have a minibus or taxi which takes you to school, and then takes you back to where you live?**



yes / no ?

**Yes**

**No**

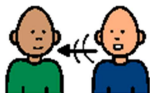
? **Is it.....( Can you draw a circle around which one is right for you )**



**Good**

**ok**

**Not good**



**Can you tell us about it ?**

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**Do you think this is important?**



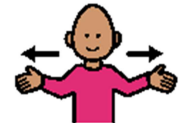
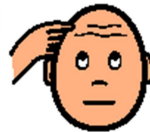
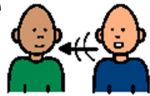
yes / no ?

**Yes**

**No**

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**Can you tell us what you think would happen if you didn't a minibus or taxi to the [ ] s you n [ ] o go?**



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**Can you tell us how would it make you feel?**



**Happy**

**Ok**

**Worried**

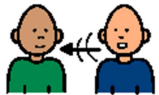
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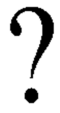
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**Upset**

**Angry**



**Can you tell us why?**



**Do you want to tell us anything else about these things?**



**Thank you**



## All about how we get to places !

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**What are your names ?**



**How old are you?**



**Which area do you live in?**



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**Do you have a minibus or taxi which takes you to school, and then takes you back to where you live?**

**(note number of responses for each option and details of any others mentioned such as Parents/carers drive)**

yes / no ?

**Yes**

**No**

**Other  
Give  
details**

**Is it.....(note number of responses for each option)**

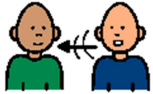
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**Good**

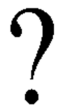
**ok**

**Not good**



**Can you tell us about it ?**

**(note responses and give brief details for each option )**



**Do you think this is important?**

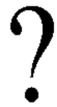


**(note number of responses for each option)**

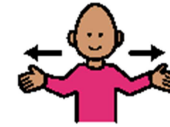
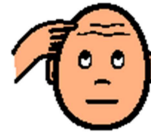
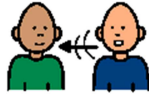
yes / no ?

**Yes**

**No**



**Can you tell us what you think would happen if you didn't a minibus or taxi to the places you needed to go'**



**(Please note responses. A key issue which may need reinforcing is that it would never happen again, not just for one day, which may give the response of stay in bed or watch tv. The young people may need reminding what positive things happen at school such as trips and seeing their friends to begin comprehending the implications of this. Also ask them if they can think of other ways they could get to school each day and note their responses. )**



**Can you tell us how would it make you feel?**

**(note number of responses for each option and any additional comments)**



**Happy**



**Ok**



**Worried**



**Confused**



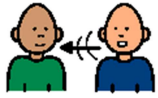
**Sad**



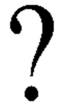
**Upset**



**Angry**



**Can you tell us why? (Please note responses)**



**Do you want to tell us anything else about these things? (Please note responses)**



**Thank you**