

Education Resources Proposed Saving 2011/12

Ref: 6-EDU21 £170,000

Target Reduction in Inclusion Service Transport Provision

Over the last few years Education Resources and Community Resources have been working to reduce transport expenditure levels. This was necessary in order to bring expenditure more in line with budget and also to meet the target set within a previous Best Value Review of Fleet Services.

To achieve a further target reduction for next financial year of £170,000, a continued review of additional support needs (ASN) transport provision would be required. This would include giving further consideration to areas including the criteria for ASN transport allocation; use of buses instead of taxis; review of Gaelic provision and criteria for medical transport.

- Review of criteria for ASN transport; e.g. removal of discretionary elements to statutory levels including college placements, transition visits, review of single occupancy taxi contracts, continuity and review of provision of 28 day discretionary transport.
- Review further sharing of services with Social Work and consider validity of some current services.
- Consider combination journeys and use of buses instead of taxis.
- Review of service provision for Gaelic transport.
- Review of criteria for medical transport to be considered.

Estimations within this proposal may therefore require adjustment.