

**DARLINGTON SCHOOLS FORUM**  
**11<sup>th</sup> June 2013**

**ITEM NO 5**

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**HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT**

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**Purpose of Report**

1. To provide School Forum members with an update on the position of statutory and non-statutory home to school transport arrangements for the September 2013 cohort.

**Information**

2. Secondary Head Teachers and LA Officers have met to prepare the report as requested by Schools Forum Members. It was initially felt that this report would be for ‘information only’ as a funding decision was not required until next financial year. However, the proposal currently being considered by Secondary Head Teachers would now require a funding decision to be made during the summer term.
3. It has also been confirmed that the date of the Primary Forum has been adjusted from the 7<sup>th</sup> June to 14<sup>th</sup> June. Given the complexity of the issues involved and the need to make a decision in relation to the paper, it was felt it would not be appropriate to present the paper at a Schools Forum meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> June, prior to Primary Head Teachers having an opportunity to meet and discuss their collective views.
4. The Secondary Head Teachers felt that the most appropriate way forward was for an additional meeting of Schools Forum to be called to discuss a paper on ‘Home to School Transport’ and that the following timetable be delivered:

Schools Forum Meeting – already scheduled	11 <sup>th</sup> June
Secondary Head Teachers issue a paper to all Schools	6 <sup>th</sup> June
Primary Forum Meeting – re-scheduled	14 <sup>th</sup> June
Additional Schools Forum meeting	2nd July

**Recommendations**

15. That Schools Forum agree to hold an additional meeting on 2nd July, which will allow for full consideration of the issues to be discussed.

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