

Additional Support Learning home to school travel assistance – Update noted.

5 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Education Services regarding the progress and outcomes of initiatives within Additional Support Learning (ASL) transport,

- (1) advising
 - (a) that an ASL working group had been set up to review Education Services' transport policy and procedures to identify any improvements that could be made;
 - (b) of the work that Education Services had undertaken since April 2023 which had resulted in 4 recommendations that had been developed to reduce demand and improve the service for users, as detailed in the report;
 - (c) of the budget costs which had seen a rise of 5.2% in ASL transport costs in 2023/24 compared to 2022/23; and
 - (d) that Education Services continued to work in partnership with transport providers and schools to try and allocate the resources available in the most efficient way possible whilst ensuring that pupil needs were met; and
- (2) detailing in an appendix to the report, the 16-week comprehensive travel skills training programme that had been developed by Education Services in partnership with Enable Works for delivery to 5 ASL Secondary Schools.