

Board and Topic	Rec No.	Recommendation as approved by the Executive on 24 April 2007	Update on Recommendations as of July 2008
Home to School Transport Review (Completed in April 2007) Contact Steve Morton for updates on Kendric Ash review	1	Council officers to be instructed to negotiate with the transport provider for St Mary's School, Askham Richard in order for seat belts to be provided on all vehicles. If this is not possible at a reasonable cost then they will re-let the contract from September 2007. The Executive endorsed the Scrutiny Committee recommendation and instructed officers to address this issue as part of any proposals arising out of the Kendric Ash review of the Councils transport contracts	Seatbelts have been provided on St Mary's and Askham Richard buses since September 2007.
	2	The Council will ensure that minimum standards for all future home to school transport buses include: a) Lap seatbelts to be fitted to all vehicles, with the long term aim of these being 3 point seatbelts. b) CCTV to be installed in all vehicles and functioning at all times c) Contractors to ensure that all drivers have had a CRB check within the last three years before commencing this work and thereafter in line with EU2 emission standards or greater to be required on all contract vehicles Officers were instructed to address these issues as part of any proposals arising out of the Kendric Ash review of the Councils transport contracts. The Executive accepted that it may be necessary to phase in these new contract requirements over a period of time to allow for any necessary conversions to be undertaken and for funding sources to be found.	All contracts which are re-let have minimum quality standards built into the service specification. In September 2007 the Tadcaster Grammar School contract was awarded to a single contractor. All vehicles now have seatbelts, all drivers are CRB checked, all vehicles have a minimum of Euro 2 emission standards. The number of double decked vehicles have been reduced. The costs of installing CCTV on all vehicles is high and whilst this has not been a specified minimum requirement yet, the Council is working with contractors to establish overall service improvements which may minimise any requirement for growth in contract costs. Contracts for Fulford and Manor Secondary Schools and Poppleton Ousebank, St Mary's, St Wilfrid's and Archbishop of York primary Schools are being awarded in July 2008. The minimum standards outlined above are service requirements within the new contracts, with seatbelts for all primary school buses being a stipulated requirement.
	3	The council will ensure that where possible contracts are to be let for more than 5 years, ideally 8 - 10 years in order to allow contractors to invest in higher quality vehicles - The Executive noted the Scrutiny Committee recommendation and asked officers to report back on the advantages and any possible disadvantages of letting longer transport contracts	The contract for Tadcaster School was let for a 4 year period in 2007. The contracts being let this year are for a 3 year period to ensure all contracts are aligned by 2011, and which will subsequently allow the Council the option of letting all contracts to a single home to school provider - if that is the preferred option. Evidence of letting contracts on a single supplier to a single school has been positive. There is a much improved relationship between provider/school and the Council. Processes for tackling poor behaviour are jointly owned and dealt with swiftly.
	4	The council will recognise good practice in other local authorities and encourage schools and contractors to use measures such as good behaviour contracts (see paragraph 32), designated seats and the use of bus prefects to discourage unruly behaviour by pupils. The Executive endorsed the Scrutiny Committee recommendation.	The transport review includes collaborative working with East Riding, North Lincolnshire and North Yorkshire Councils. Topics such as behaviour contracts, portability of CRB checks, training and bus monitors are shared. The option of introducing bus monitors is currently being discussed with Tadcaster Grammar School.
	5	The Council will endeavour to ensure that the same high standards are in place for bus contracts covering all educational establishments. The Executive endorsed the Scrutiny Committee recommendation and instructed officers to address this issue as part of any proposals arising out of the current Kendric Ash review of the Councils transport contracts.	The integrated transport unit - York Transport Provision, is in place to maintain universal quality standards for all passenger transport provided by the Council or provided by contractors on behalf of the Council. There are formal annual performance reviews for all contractors, which review and measure quality and performance throughout the year. Any contract price increases are awarded based on performance.
Scrutiny Comment as of ?:			