

LIBERAL DEMOCRATS WRITTEN REPRESENTATION

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS RE TOY BUS

1. OVERALL TOY BUS USEAGE FIGURES FOR LAST 3 YEARS

Number of Families Using the Toy Bus

	No Families Registered	No Families Attended Toy Bus	Percentage Family Usage/Registration
Up to Dec 2010	3444	651	19%
Up to Dec 2011	5680	656	11%
Up to Dec 2012	7299	513	7%

Summary – numbers have decreased. Originally the Toy Bus was intended to support areas of the City when we only had 3 Sure Start Centres. We now have 9 Children Centres

2. FEEDBACK FROM TOY BUS CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

The Toy Bus Consultation took place in May. At the beginning of May there were 24,248 individuals registered with the Children's Centres, 12,062 of these were parents.

356 questionnaires were completed (analysis attached)

Question 3 asked for ideas of use of toy bus toys.

From the 106 responses to Q3 93 ideas were put forward

ANALYSIS OF IDEAS	Responses
Toys should go to the Children's Centres	21
Keep Toy Bus/change times/amount charged	33
Haven't used bus since route changed	5
Share between Option 1 & 2	4

Put in normal libraries	13
Used it when children were younger	1
Give toys to community groups/childminders	14
More publicity needed	2

3. DETAIL ON REVENUE OR POTENTIAL REVENUE SAVINGS

Saving from not having the bus: -

Vehicle	£8,200
Operational Toy Store	£5,300
Reimbursement to School for Toy Store	£1,089
Sale of Bus	£7,000
Saving on Staff (2.5 WTE)	<u>£63,880</u>
Total Savings	<u>£84,380</u>

NB 2 Children's Centre Support Workers are allocated to the Toy Bus – this is 74 hours of staff time per week to support 7 hours of Toy Bus frontline delivery per week.

4. MOBILE SERVICE

The mobile service is under review as we look to buy a new vehicle and we are considering a range of additional services. There is no detail at this stage, but we remain committed to including the toy bus services in that work. Staff will receive additional training if that is needed.

5. DETAIL ON NEED TO REPLACE TOY BUS

In the past 3 ½ years the Toy Bus has cost £26,756 to run this includes fuel, tyres, repairs, running costs and transport charges. Out of this £9,472 was spent on repairs.

The toy bus originally cost £69,900, the vehicle is now seven years old and so an amount needs to be included in any future budget for replacement. The cost of replacement would be approximately £70,000 to £80,000.