

LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY

STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

The Portfolio Holder for the Environment, Councillor Colin Smith, has made the following executive decision:

CHILDREN'S TRAVEL TO SCHOOL

Reference Report (ES12010):

ENV PDS 180112 Children's Travel to School

Decision:

£2k subsidy be made available for each existing patrol from the Local Transport Priorities LIP budget to support the retention of School Crossing Patrols.

Reasons:

Linked to Report ES12010, "*Children's Travel to School*", considered by the Environment PDS Committee on 18th January (and to be considered by the Children and Young People PDS Committee on 21st February 2012), to help support School Crossing Patrols.

Since the announcement in February 2011 regarding the possible deletion of the School Crossing Patrol Service from April 2012, a significant number of schools enquired as to the possibility of 'buying in' the provision of a School Crossing Patrol service for their school.

At the Portfolio Holder's request, Officers made the necessary arrangements for this to be set in place, utilising the current contractor, with the Council providing the necessary support to run and monitor the Service. However, the annual cost of each patrol of £5,200 was proving difficult for a number of these schools to obtain.

The Council has an annual discretionary budget available from TfL to spend on local transport priorities. The Portfolio Holder strongly recommended using this funding stream from 1st April 2012 to subsidise schools who wish to buy in a School Crossing Patrol, so that each school would only need to contribute £3,200 for the service rather than the full £5,200.

Although this proposal was not referred to in Report ES12010, it was discussed at the Environment PDS Committee on 18th January 2012 and in their scrutiny the Committee indicated their support for the proposal to be approved.

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