

SCHOOL TRANSPORT TRANSFORMATION PROJECT

August 2023 Update

- Transport Systems (milestone 15) - **Slightly behind (no impact on savings)**
 - Initial review of data undertaken and cleansing exercise to commence following the start of term in September
 - Management information dashboard being developed using Power BI
- Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) (milestones 9-14) – **On track**
 - DPS launched on 7 July and 151 applications received to date
 - Evaluation of responses in progress with some responses needing clarification
 - Portal being updated to include guidance for some questions
 - On track to go live in September
- Personal Travel Budgets (PTBs) (milestone 6) – **On track**
 - In July 2023 the children and families committee approved the increase in the mileage rate from 25p to 45p from September 2023
 - Criteria agreed for non-standard PTBs and processes have been updated
 - Increase will be applied to existing PTBs from September
 - Review of single occupier journeys has identified 23 cases where a child can be added to a shared journey and 7 where the child may no longer be eligible for transport
 - PTBs are being offered to parents of new eligible children, where appropriate
- Available Walking Routes (milestone 8) – **On track**
 - Assessments completed on two routes and paper being considered by the children and families committee in September for approval to redesignate these routes as 'available walking routes' with the removal of transport for 75 children
 - Further work being undertaken to identify improvements required (and costs) to other routes currently designated as 'unsafe walking routes'
- Independent Travel Training (milestone 7) - **Slightly behind (minimal impact on savings)**
 - Review of current initiatives in schools and discussions with one external provider have taken place
 - Currently working on potential demand and cost benefit model to justify ongoing work
- Travel Policy (milestones 2,4,5) – **On track**
 - Review of all travel related policies has commenced
 - Request to the children and families committee in September for approval to consult on proposed changes between October and December
- Transport Team Structure (milestone 3) – **rescheduled (no impact on savings)**
 - Review of team structure to commence once existing priority work has been complete. This will need to be aligned to the review of policy and procedures
- Financial Improvements (milestone 1) – **On track**
 - The financial improvement plan has been established and proposed savings fed into the budget forecasts. The financial impact of changes are being monitored against the financial improvement plan.