

APPENDIX 14 - Alternative Policy Options

Proposal One To increase the distance required for free transport between a pupil's home and their school, to match the distance required by law (including Welsh medium and Voluntary Aided schools).	Proposal Two To charge the full cost of a school bus pass for pupils who do not receive free school transport.	Proposal Three To stop providing free transport for learners aged 16 or over, who go to school or college.
Retain the current LA policy	Retain the current LA subsidy	Retain current LA policy
Change to statutory minimum distance with no sibling protection	Provide a subsidy at the current rate and phase this out over a set period e.g., 5 years with rate increasing each year.	Keep provision in line with equivalent policy for secondary school pupils i.e., 3 miles
Change to statutory minimum distance with eligibility for transport to Welsh and Faith schools based on nearest suitable school (catchment) only.	Provide a subsidy for all but at a lower rate.	Withdraw free transport and negotiate with transport providers to secure a lower price for travel passes for post 16 pupils/students (beyond the current discount offered by the Welsh Young Persons Discounted Travel Scheme
Change to statutory minimum distances with eligibility for transport to Faith schools based on catchment schools	Keep current subsidy only for low income/FSM pupils	Withdraw free transport but keep current provision for low income FSM pupils
Change to statutory minimum but keep current distances for pupils from low income families /free school meals (FSM)	LA to act as intermediary and negotiator with transport providers to obtain public service passes at a lower daily rate for learners than currently available.	Withdraw free transport but provide subsidised transport/provide free passes for low income/FSM
Change eligibility for secondary pupils to statutory distance and retain keep current distances for primary schools		
Change eligibility for primary pupils to statutory distance and keep enhanced provision for secondary pupils		