

Cabinet – 15 January 2015

Written Response to Councillor Question 10 not reached at Cabinet

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Questioner: Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane

Asked of: Councillor Simon Brown, Portfolio Holder for Children, Schools and Young People

Question: “Could you provide more information on the delaying of the Special Needs Transport transformation programme to conduct further consultation, which has led to a £267,000 overspend?”

Written Response: Cabinet decided in April 2013 to fully outsource the special needs transport service for children to reduce the running cost of the service. The decision was subject to call in which led to a need for further consultation with stakeholders. A revised proposal was made in the light of further consultation and this was agreed by Cabinet in September 2013. As a consequence there was a delay in commencing and implementing the changes to the delivery of the service and hence it was not possible to achieve the full year savings effects in the 2014-15 financial year.