Passenger Services Unit

Providing cost effective, appropriate SEN transport in the current economic climate

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The current economic climate

7.1% cut in block grant ; concessionary fares ; 20% cut in BSOG

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- Britain's biggest rural unitary
- 3 SEN schools in the East Riding = long runs
- 550 SEN pupils transported at a cost of £3.2 mill (£31.07)

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Network Review

1. Started 2005
2. Covers all forms of transport including SEN
3. Annualised Savings to date on SEN = £346k **so far**
4. Annual savings as a whole of £700k **so far**

How do we do it - SEN schools?

1. **Technology – ARCView GIS to map all services**

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2. Why have 2 taxis and a minibus chasing each other on the same route to the same school ?

3. Parental Choice ?

(i) there are no legal maximums/minimums child/per PA

(ii) journey times – DFE Guidance – is your journey reasonable ?

(iii) information meetings to tell people what you are doing

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(iv) children need/ have a right to appropriate transport – not door to door taxis

(v) backing from Education to stick to your guns

4. Why cant SEN children travel with mainstream children or adults ?

(i) Service 123 – Kingsmill School and Driffield Secondary School ; 9 SEN and 15 mainstream ; 2 PA's

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Service 123 Emerging from Kingsmill SEN school

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(ii) Inclusion at its best + £17k saving

5. Work with other Councils

(i) East Riding and Hull serve 3 SEN schools in the Hull area

(ii) Buses and taxis from the two Councils were in some cases almost following each other

(iii) School by school ; Work together ; get rid of taxis ; amalgamate onto buses ; carry each others residents

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(iv) Do same with York and others

(v) Annual savings to date = over £65k per annum, for each Council, from this initiative alone

And Finally

With your internally operated SEN school buses, why not use them for public transport runs between runs – thus allowing you to get shopping runs at marginal cost and increase the value added from your SEN fleet

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Thank you for listening

Any questions ?

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