

PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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MEMBER QUESTIONS

Councillor Ruth Houghton

Post 16 education transport

I am aware of a number of families that are already concerned that they may not be able to meet the costs of post 16 home to college transport and in some instances, this is impacting on the choices that their son or daughter may make for next September.

The current policy adversely impacts on young people from rural areas where the alternative of walking or cycling to college is not an option. Can the Chair of the Committee please confirm how many young people from rural areas are not in education, employment or training (NEET)? Are there any instances where it is due to the family being unable to fund the cost of post 16 travel and if so what additional financial support is available so that college becomes a viable option?