

The concentration of schools in the Town Centre of Harrogate makes home to school transport a major cause of congestion on already busy roads. The proposal by the North Yorkshire County Council to charge pupils above the age of 16 £10 a week for transport will inevitably deter numbers of students from using buses provided by the County Council with the inevitable result of an increase in private car use.

Also, the implementation of charges at a time when the Government is introducing extra fees for higher education will place a further financial burden on families seeking to help their children to further education.

Recommendation

Accordingly this Council urges the North Yorkshire County Council not to introduce charges for Post 16 students for the use of Home to School transport.

Proposed: Councillor Michael Newby Seconded: Councillor Bill Hoults.

The Proposer and Secunder have requested that this motion be considered on the day as The North Yorkshire County Council will be making a decision on the proposal at the meeting of the Executive on 7 March 2006 – the Mayor to rule on this request.

4. Restoration of Memorials on Graves

This Council recognises the distress caused to families visiting graves in our cemeteries as a result of the number of memorials which have been laid flat. In view of the time that has now elapsed it is unlikely that these will be reinstated.

Therefore, this Council agrees to commence a phased programme of works to ensure that our cemeteries are restored to a condition that bereaved relatives would expect rather than the distressing one that many families tending graves find.

Proposed: Councillor Andrew Williams Seconded: Councillor Charlie Powell

The Mayor has indicated that this Notice will, upon being moved and seconded, stand referred to the Cabinet Member for Cultural Services.