

## **Freedom of Information Request – Response – 27858**

*I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding Suffolk County Council's decision to change funded school transport arrangements in 2019, particularly as they affected children living in Bramford and attending Claydon High School.*

*Please provide the following information:*

*1. Copies of all reports, assessments, meeting minutes, recommendations, cabinet papers and other documents relating to the decision to change the School Travel Policy in 2019.*  
**Section 21** of the FOIA states that a public authority does not need to provide information under section 1 of the Act if that information is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means.

Please see attached link for documents in the public domain. [Meeting Documents - Committee Minutes](#).

As the review was carried out over a 6-month period from December 2017 to May 2018, information from this period is no longer held due to the 7-year retention rule.

*2. The reasons given for withdrawing the previous funded school transport provision for children living in Bramford and attending Claydon High School.*

Covered in Q1. Pupils already attending Claydon were protected under the Policy changes.

*3. Details of any consultation undertaken before the 2019 change, including:*

- o whether parents/carers in Bramford were consulted;*
- o whether Bramford Parish Council and/or Claydon Parish Council were consulted;*
- o the dates and methods of consultation;*
- o copies of consultation documents and responses received.*

Covered in Q1.

*4. Copies of any Equality Impact Assessments, financial assessments, risk assessments or other impact assessments undertaken in connection with the change.*

Covered in Q1.

*5. The estimated and/or actual annual financial saving to Suffolk County Council resulting from the 2019 changes to funded school travel, both countywide and, if recorded separately, in relation to the Bramford–Claydon route.*

Covered in Q1. Spend on school travel is not broken down by school. Spend for mainstream travel detailed below:

|                |             |
|----------------|-------------|
| <b>2018-19</b> | £10,940,000 |
| <b>2019-20</b> | £12,172,086 |





11. The number of children travelling from Bramford to Claydon High School who received SCC-funded school transport in each academic year from 2015/16 to the present.

| Academic Year | No. of Pupils receiving SCC-Funded Travel |
|---------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 2015/16       | Data not held                             |
| 2016/17       | Data not held                             |
| 2017/18       | Data not held                             |
| 2018/19       | Data not held                             |
| 2019/20       | Data not held                             |
| 2020/21       | Data not held                             |
| 2021/22       | Data not held                             |
| 2022/23       | 29                                        |
| 2023/24       | 16                                        |
| 2024/25       | 20                                        |
| 2025/26       | 14                                        |

12. The number of children from Bramford currently attending Claydon High School and the number currently receiving SCC-funded transport, where this information is held and can be disclosed without identifying individual children.

Number attending with travel in 2026/27 academic year is <5.

Also the number attending Claydon High School from Bramford that are not receiving funded travel.

Data not held.