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QUESTIONS AT ANY TIME TO CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

Question From:	County Councillor Jeremy Brignell-Thorp
Subject:	Discontinuing vacant seat scheme on school transport and the effect on carbon budget
Question To:	County Councillor Jackie Charlton Cabinet Member for a Greener Powys

Question:

The council appear to have discontinued the option for parents to buy vacant seats on school buses if their child is not eligible for free transport, and this is resulting in parents now driving children to school along the same route that a school bus is travelling.

In the calculation of our carbon account, are the emissions from private cars taking children to school included in the carbon budget? Without this there is a perverse incentive for us to encourage parents to take children to school by private car rather than make more use of the buses we run.

What is the effect on our carbon budget and of the overall carbon emission from school transport of our decision to discontinue the vacant seat scheme?