

Explanatory Memorandum to the Learner Travel Information (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2010.

This Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared by the Department for Economy and Transport and is laid before the National Assembly for Wales in conjunction with the above subordinate legislation and in accordance with Standing Order 24.1.

Minister's Declaration

In my view, this Explanatory Memorandum gives a fair and reasonable view of the expected impact of the Learner Travel Information (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2010.

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1. Description

This instrument requires local authorities to publish the Travel Behaviour Code as part of the information that they publish on home to school travel arrangements.

2. Matters of special interest to the Subordinate Legislation Committee

There is no matter of special interest to in the Instrument.

3. Legislative background

The Regulations are made under section 16 and 27 of the Learner Travel (Wales) Measure 2008 and are subject to the negative resolution procedure.

4. Purpose & intended effect of the legislation

The Learner Travel Information (Wales) Regulations 2009 requires local authorities to publish certain information on home to school travel arrangements. These regulations are being amended to include a requirement on the local authorities to publish the Travel Behaviour Code as part of the information on home to school travel arrangement. The Learner Travel (Wales) Measure 2008 requires Welsh Ministers to publish an All Wales Travel Behaviour Code.

All young people between the age of 5 and 19 need to be aware of the Travel Behaviour Code and as local authorities already need to publish information on home to school transport each autumn it seems the most appropriate place to publish the Code.

The Code was made in October 2009 and becomes fully effective from January 2010. Local authorities will be required to publish the Code in their information on home to school travel arrangements from October 2010 onwards.

5. Consultation

Consultation on the Learner Travel Information (Wales) Regulations 2009 was undertaken in December 2008 to the end of January 2009. One of the proposals within that consultation was to require local authorities to publish the Code as part of the information provided on home to school travel arrangements. Of the 21 responses received nobody commented on this proposal. As the Code was not published until January 2010, it was deemed inappropriate to include a requirement for local authorities to publish the Code in the earlier version of the regulations.

6. Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA)

A Regulatory Impact Assessment is not required for the regulations as it does not impose cost or savings on the public, private or charity and voluntary sectors. A Regulatory Impact Assessment was prepared for the Learner Travel Information (Wales) Regulations 2009.