

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

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Title of Report: Educational Visits and Adventurous Activities Policy
Amendment
Paper No: 268/11
Date: 16th November 2011
Report of: Director of Health and Education & Director of Central Services

1.0 Purpose

1.1 To inform members of a proposed amendment to the Protocols for Educational Visits and Adventurous Activities and to seek approval for this amendment

2.0 Recommendations

(a) Members are recommended to approve the amendment outlined at Appendix 1

3.0 Summary of Financial Implications

3.1 None

4.0 Background

4.1 The Protocols for Educational Visits and Adventurous Activities document was approved by EXCO in September 2011.

4.2 Following staff training and further staff review of the document an amendment has been suggested by the Director of Health and Education.

4.3 It was felt by Heads of Units, and the Director, given the limited availability of buses and coaches within the Falklands with appropriate three point seat belts, that the protocol wording was too restrictive.

4.4 The current protocol wording is more stringent than FI Law; however the proposed amendment brings the protocol in line with the law.

4.5 The proposed amendment was deemed an urgent matter given the fact that the summer season is upon us, with trips and events currently in the final planning stages now at risk of cancellation.

4.6 The proposed amendment can be found at Appendix 1.

5.0 Financial Implications

5.1 None

6.0 Legal Implications

6.1 The amendment has been agreed by RFIP and the AG

7.0 Human Resources Implications

7.1 None

Appendix 1

The Paragraph will now read; (Changes in bold and underlined)

SEATBELTS

For children under 12 years of age or shorter than 150 cm in height all seats in all vehicles and all restraints should be suitable for the height and weight of the child and the seatbelt must be attached by at least 3 points.

The RFIP have published a number of guidance documents with regard to seatbelts and seats, these can be found on the FIG 'Public Folders' at 'Police', 'Police Guidance on Seatbelt Laws'.

General policy for all vehicles is;

All participants must be seated in a seat with an appropriate seatbelt or restraint fitted, no participant will be carried without a seatbelt.

All children under 12 and less than 150 Cm's in height;

Buses, **FIG Vehicles** and Private Cars– only seated in seats fitted with 3 point seat belts

Follow RFIP guidance on the use of 'booster seats' and appropriate seats.

All Children/participants over 12 and taller than 150 cm's in height;

Buses, FIG Vehicles and Private Cars – may be seated in a seat with a lap belt when 3 point seat belts are not available.