

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
Date:	8 May 2019
Title:	2019/20 Post-16 Transport Policy Statement
Report From:	Director of Children's Services

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1. The decision:

1.1. That the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services:

- Notes the process that has been followed and the responses to the public consultation that have been received (as summarised in the report).
- Notes that no material changes have been made to the content but the transport policy statement utilises the new template included in the Department for Education's updated guidance which was released on 28 January 2019.
- Approves the 2019/20 Post-16 Transport Policy Statement set out in Appendix A of the report.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. The report provides is to inform the outcome of the consultation that is required in statutory guidance. The consultation seeks comments from schools, post-16 providers and young people into account when considering the content of the statement.
- 2.2. Current expenditure on Home to School Transport was just over £31 million in 2017/18, of which £1.3 million was spent on post-16 transport assistance.
- 2.3. In October 2017, as part of the Transformation to 2019 programme, Cabinet approved a consultation on proposals to changes to the County Council's Post 16 Transport Policy. The proposal for post-16 transport assistance was to revise the eligibility criteria for young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities aged 16 years and above in new placements from September 2018. All future transport would be decided on the basis of students' individual circumstances and upon receipt of evidence to support that HCC funded transport is essential to facilitate their attendance at their post-16 provision.
- 2.4. These changes were agreed and incorporated into the Post-16 Transport Policy for September 2018, although due to transition arrangements, some

existing students will not be affected by the policy changes until September 2019.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. None.

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: None

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: Not Applicable

7. Statement from the decision maker:

Approved by:

Date:

Cllr Keith Mans
Executive Lead Member for Children's Services

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