

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services and Young People
Date:	18 March 2020
Title:	Proposed changes to the Home to School Transport Policy (2021)
Report From:	Director of Children's Services

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1. The Decision:

Recommendation 1: To approve the attached Home to School Transport Policy, effective from September 2021, incorporating the following changes following consultation:

Change 1: Update the Home to School policy document so that the measure of distance refers to the 'nearest available entrance from the child's home to the school grounds', as is already used in distance calculations.

Change 2: Update the Home to School Transport policy to include the reference to 'road routes', passable for a suitable motorised vehicle, when determining whether a noncatchment school qualifies as a nearer school.

Change 3: To amend the Home to School Transport policy to clarify that school transport would not be removed from children attending a non-catchment school if a place at their catchment school, or a school closer to their home, becomes available

Change 4: To amend the Home to School Transport Policy so that a senior officer outside of the School Transport Team and holding a comprehensive understanding of the transport policy and legislative framework would make decisions on appeals against offers of transport when the arrangement is being challenged by parents, There would be no changes to the appeals process about the refusal of transport.

2. Reasons for the decision:

2.1 Taking into account relevant information and the feedback gathered through a public consultation, changes to the Home to School Transport (HtST) are recommended. These changes would introduce small elements into the HtST policy that already apply as they are part of published information. Also, the proposed changes would bring the policy into line with our statutory responsibilities.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1 Not applicable

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:
----- Executive Member for Education and Skills Councillor Roz Chadd* (on behalf of Executive Lead Member for Children's Services and Young People, Councillor Patricia Stallard)	18 March 2020

* In accordance with Part 3, Chapter 2, paragraph 2.2 of the County Council Constitution, the Leader of the Council delegated this decision for the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services and Young People to the Executive Member for Education and Skills.