

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Tuesday, 19 March 2019

Decision No: (CAB 18/19 23404)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	ASPIRATION, SCHOOLS & LIFELONG LEARNING
SUBJECT:	HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT AND POST-16 TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS POLICY
AUTHOR:	Tammy Marks

THE DECISION

- (i) To consider the responses to the consultation exercise on revisions to the Southampton City Council Home to School and Post-16 Transport Policy 2018/19 Academic Year.
- (ii) To approve the policy, noting amendments in response to consultation feedback and updated national guidance.
- (iii) To authorise the Director of Children Services and Director of Growth to take all necessary actions to implement the new policy.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

1. To ensure that the local authority is compliant with the latest statutory legislation and guidance to review and publish the home to school travel assistance policy by the 31st May 2019.
2. To ensure that the policy is clear and easily understood and accessible by all eligible groups, in compliance with statutory responsibilities including updated procedures within the local authority.
3. To ensure that the increasing pressures on home to school transport resources is managed to ensure financial sustainability for the future and to support resources to be deployed to achieve maximum benefit in the offer of home to school travel assistance.
4. To ensure maximum opportunity for young people to meet their potential in adult life by offering training and support to those who are assessed to have the ability to travel independently.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

1. To do nothing, not update the policy. This was rejected as the review established the need for this.
2. To not make changes to the policy following consultation. This was rejected

as it is important to consider all representations in the consultation and take these into account when finalising the policy.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

Cabinet considered the following recommendation from Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 15th March 2019:-

- (i) That when opportunities arise, the Cabinet Member continues to support the use of available capital to invest in facilities and innovative projects that help to decrease the pressure on the SEN budget by reducing the need to transport children with SEN out of the city to be educated.

Response:
Recommendation noted and welcomed.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision.

Date: 19th March 2019

Decision Maker:
The Cabinet

Proper Officer:
Claire Heather

SCRUTINY

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council's Scrutiny "Call-In" provisions.

Call-In Period expires on

Date of Call-in (*if applicable*) (*this suspends implementation*)

Call-in Procedure completed <i>(if applicable)</i>
Call-in heard by <i>(if applicable)</i>
Results of Call-in <i>(if applicable)</i>