

TO: EXECUTIVE MEMBER CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE & LEARNING
DATE: 18 APRIL 2017

SEN EDUCATION TRANSPORT POLICY 2017-18 POST-16 AND POLICY 2018-19 PRE-16 FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH AN EDUCATION, HEALTH AND CARE PLAN

Director of Children, Young People and Learning

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The report seeks formal approval of the SEN Post 16 Education Transport policy for the period 2017-2018.
- 1.2 The report also seeks formal approval of the SEN Pre 16 Education Transport policy 2018-19.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To approve the policies as attached in Appendix A.

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To ensure compliance with statutory requirements to publish the SEN transport policy.
- 3.2 There are no changes to the policy from previous years apart from amendments to ensure clarity.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 No alternative option was considered.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Background

- 5.1 The Local Authority are required to publish a transport statement each year setting out the travel arrangements they will make to support young people with additional needs.
- 5.2 A previous consultation in 2015 was conducted in order to develop to Post 16 Education Transport Policy for 2016 -17. This policy was agreed in 2016.
- 5.3 The main body of the policies have no significant changes apart from ensuring clarity on certain points. As there are no substantive changes there has been no need to consult on the policy. The revised policies are attached as Appendix A for approval.
- 5.4 The other section of the policy; the Mainstream Education Transport policy, is managed by the School Admission Team and is presented separately for approval.

Financial implications

- 5.5 The Children, Young People & Learning department is responsible for the cost impact from policy or legislative changes. Corporate Services are responsible for costs due to demographic changes. Any pressures would need to be considered as part of the Council's normal budget setting process.

6 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

Borough Solicitor

- 6.1 The relevant legal issues are addressed in the body of the report.

Borough Treasurer

- 6.2 The Borough Treasurer is satisfied that no significant financial implications arise from this report

7 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The policies were not consulted on this year as they remain unchanged from last year.

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