

TO: EXECUTIVE MEMBER for CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE & LEARNING
DATE: 7 MAY 2018

**SEN EDUCATION TRANSPORT POLICIES 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 2018-2019 and the SEN Pre-16 Education Transport policy 2019-20.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 For the Executive Member to **AGREE** the SEN Post-16 Education Transport Policy for 2018-19.
- 2.2 For the Executive Member to **AGREE** the SEN Pre-16 Education Transport Policy for 2019-20.

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To ensure compliance with statutory requirements to publish the SEN transport policies.
- 3.2 There are no changes to the policies 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 Local Authorities 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 the Post 16 Education Transport Policy for 2016 -17 this policy was agreed in 2016. The Pre16 Policy has not had further consultation.
- 5.3 The main bodies 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 policies. 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. Resources Department 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 set out within the report and the policy.

Borough Treasurer

- 6.2 Provided the level of eligibility and demand for transport remains as anticipated, 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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