

TO: EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR CHILDREN YOUNG PEOPLE AND LEARNING
DATE: 24 MAY 2016

**EDUCATION TRANSPORT POST 16 POLICY 2015-16 AND PRE 16 SEN 2016-17
POLICY FOR CHILDREN WITH A STATEMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS
OR AN EDUCATION HEALTH AND CARE PLAN
Director of Children, Young People and Learning**

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The report seeks formal sign off of the current policy for 2015-16 relating to Post 16 education transport which was agreed verbally with the Executive Member in 2015, but because of a predicted overspend of the current budget the decision could not be formally signed off until the overspend had been agreed by the Corporate Management Team.
- 1.2 The report also seeks formal sign off of the Pre 16 Education Transport policy 2016-17.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **To formally AGREE the current policy for Post 16 Education Transport 2015 - 2016 for Children with a Statement of Special Needs or an Education Health and Care Plan.**
- 2.2 **To NOTE there is a predicted overspend of this budget by £0.056m for 2015-16 which has been agreed will be funded through the Corporate Contingency.**
- 2.3 **To formally AGREE the policy for Pre 16 SEN Transport 2016 - 2017 for Children with a Statement of Special Needs or an Education Health and Care Plan.**

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 For completeness the current Post 16 2015-16 policy needs to be formally agreed by the Executive Member CYPL. The statutory process requires us to publish and approve the policy. The policy was published in 2015 but final sign off was delayed because of the predicted overspend.
- 3.2 The Pre 16 SEN Transport Policy 2016-17 needs to be formally agreed by the Executive Member CYPL. The statutory process requires us to publish and approve the policy.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 None.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 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 consultation is underway on the Post 16 Education Transport Policy for 2016 -17 as the current overspend is likely to increase unless there are changes to the eligibility criteria.

6 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

Borough Solicitor

- 6.1 The relevant legal issues are addressed within the body of the report and policies.

Borough Treasurer

- 6.2 The Borough Treasurer is satisfied that sufficient resources exist to meet the requirements of the policies.

7 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The Pre 16 SEN Transport policy 2016-17 was published and remained unchanged from the previous year 2015-2016, other than in line with legislative changes there was an extension to transport arrangements for young people up to age 25.

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