

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF COMMUNITIES AND PLACE COMMITTEE**UNDER-16 HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT POLICY AND POST-16
TRANSPORT POLICY STATEMENT - 2018/2019 ACADEMIC YEAR****Purpose of the Report**

1. To approve the County Council's Under-16 Home to School Transport Policy and Post-16 Transport Policy Statement for the 2018/2019 academic year.

Information

2. Nottinghamshire County Council is required to publish its Under-16 Home to School Transport Policy and Post-16 Transport Policy Statement in accordance with the Education and Inspections Act 2006, which built on provisions in the Education Act 1996. If amendments are proposed, these must be subject to consultation and the agreed new policies published by 31 May each year.

Under-16 Home to School Transport Policy 2018/19 academic year

3. The Under-16 Home to School Transport Policy sets out the County Council's provision of school transport services and travel assistance for pupils aged 4-16 years in relation to qualifying criteria and processes as follows:
 - eligibility for travel assistance
 - how parents/carers may apply
 - how decisions are made
 - the type of assistance that may be available
 - how parents/carers may appeal against decisions they are unhappy with.
4. It is not proposed to make any amendments to the Home to School Transport Policy for the 2018/19 academic year, other than amending dates to reflect the change in academic year.

Post-16 Transport Policy 2018/2019 Academic Year

5. The Post-16 Transport Policy consists of a travel scheme which aims to enable post-16 students to access education. The scheme is available to all Nottinghamshire County residents who meet the qualifying criteria. Where the County Council determines that a student has a special transport need, transport will be provided.
6. It is not proposed to make any amendments to the Post-16 Transport Policy Statement for the 2018/19 academic year, other than amending dates to reflect the change in academic year and updating contact details for FE colleges.

Consultation process

7. As there are no changes being proposed to the policies for the 2018/19 academic year, public consultation has not been undertaken.

Other Options Considered

8. None.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

9. It is a requirement that the local authority reviews the Under-16 Home to School Transport Policy and the Post-16 Transport Policy each year, although it is not a requirement to make any changes to the policies if it is not felt necessary to do so. The two policies have been reviewed and they meet the statutory requirements of the local authority to provide transport to pupils and students in Nottinghamshire.

Statutory and Policy Implications

10. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

11. There are no anticipated additional costs relating to the proposal not to make any changes to the Under-16 Home to School Transport Policy and the Post-16 Transport Policy.

Legal Implications

12. There are no anticipated legal implications relating to the proposal not to make any changes to the Under-16 Home to School Transport Policy and the Post-16 Transport Policy.

Implications for Service Users

13. It is anticipated that the effects, if any, of these recommendations on service users will not be significant in the 2018/19 academic year.

Public Sector Equality Duty Implications

14. As there are no changes being proposed to the policies for the 2018/19 academic year, an Equality Impact Assessment has not been undertaken.

Human Rights Implications

15. The provisions of the Equality Act 2010 and the European Convention on Human Rights are recognised throughout and in particular in sections relating to Special Educational Needs and Disability.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) That Committee approves the Under-16 Home to School Transport Policy and the Post-16 Transport Policy for the 2018/19 academic year.

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Chairman of the Communities and Place Committee

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Constitutional Comments [SLB 19/04/2018]

16. Policy Committee is the appropriate body to consider the content of this report.

Financial Comments [RWK 25/04/2018]

17. The financial implications are set out in paragraph 11 of the report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- Under-16 Home to School Transport Policy 2018/2019
- Post-16 Transport Policy Statement 2018/2019

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.