

**30<sup>th</sup> May 2022****Agenda Item:****REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR, PLACE****UNDER-16 HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT POLICY AND POST-16  
TRANSPORT POLICY STATEMENT – 2022/2023 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 2022/2023 academic year. This is a Key Decision because it will have significant effects on two or more electoral divisions.

**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 2022/2023 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 statutory school aged pupils (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 material amendments to the Under-16 Home to School Transport Policy for the 2022/23 academic year. It is proposed, however, to make some clarification and administration changes:
  - Clarification regarding the assessment of travel applications in the normal admissions round
  - Clarification on the provision of travel assistance for young people who require medical intervention while travelling

- Amendment to Appendix B – Pupils attending Education Other Than at School (EOTAS) - to extend travel assistance to young people who remain on roll at a school but who have been placed by the school at an alternative education placement when this has been done in conjunction with the LA and agreed by a LA Officer.
- All dates will be amended to reflect the 2022/23 academic year

The proposed policy is attached at Appendix 1.

## **Post-16 Transport Policy Statement 2022/2023 Academic Year**

5. The Post-16 Transport Policy Statement 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 material amendments to the Post-16 Transport Policy Statement for the 2022/23 academic year. It is proposed, however, to make some clarification and administration changes:
  - Clarification on the provision of travel assistance for young people who require medical intervention while travelling
  - All dates will be amended to reflect the 2022/23 academic year
  - Updated contact details for FE colleges and public transport providers
  - Updated information on concessionary tickets from public transport providers

The proposed Policy Statement is attached at Appendix 2.

7. These Policies are reviewed and updated for the start of each academic year. Where there are no material changes to these they will be updated and published on the County Councils website in line with Government guidance. Where material changes are proposed a further report will be brought to the Cabinet Member for approval.

## **Consultation Process**

8. Councillor Taylor was consulted as Cabinet Member for Children and Young People. Councillor Taylor is content with the proposals in the report. As there are no material changes being proposed to the policies for the 2022/23 academic year, public consultation has not been undertaken.

## **Other Options Considered**

9. None.

## **Reason/s for Recommendation/s**

10. It is a requirement that the local authority reviews the Under-16 Home to School Transport Policy and the Post-16 Transport Policy Statement 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 documents 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**

11. 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**

12. There are no anticipated additional costs relating to the Under-16 Home to School Transport Policy and the Post-16 Transport Policy Statement.

## **Legal Implications**

13. There are no anticipated legal implications relating to the Under-16 Home to School Transport Policy and the Post-16 Transport Policy Statement.

## **Implications for Service Users**

14. It is anticipated that the effects, if any, of these recommendations on service users will not be significant in the 2022/23 academic year.

## **Public Sector Equality Duty Implications**

15. As there are no material changes being proposed to the policies for the 2022/23 academic year, an Equality Impact Assessment has not been undertaken.

## **Human Rights Implications**

16. 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 the Cabinet Member for Transport & Environment approves the Under-16 Home to School Transport Policy and the Post-16 Transport Policy Statement for the 2022/23 academic year.

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## **Constitutional Comments [CEH 17.05.2022]**

17. This is an ongoing policy which has to be reviewed and published annually. There are no material amendments proposed and the only changes are for clarification and

amendment. Therefore the report and recommendation falls within the responsibility of the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment. If any changes are required with significant financial or other impacts this would come under the remit of Cabinet to decide under their terms of reference

### **Financial Comments [SES 13/05/2022]**

18. There are no specific financial implications arising directly from this 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.

- None

### **Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

- All.