

**REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S
COMMITTEE**

**UNDER-16 HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT POLICY AND POST-16
TRANSPORT POLICY - 2017/18 ACADEMIC YEAR**

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval of the County Council's proposed Under-16 Home to School Transport Policy and Post-16 Transport Policy for the academic year 2017/18.

Information and Advice

2. Nottinghamshire County Council is required to publish its Under-16 Home to School Transport Policy and Post-16 Transport Policy 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. Copies of the proposed policies for 2017/18 academic year are attached as **Appendices 1 and 2**.

Under-16 Home to School Transport Policy 2017/18 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 proposed to make one amendment to the Under-16 Home to School Transport Policy for the 2017/18 academic year, to increase the charge to replace a lost travel pass from £5 to £10. This charge more accurately reflects the cost of producing a replacement pass and brings it into line with the charge for producing replacement passes for disabled and elderly travellers, e.g. English National Concessionary Travel Scheme.

Post-16 Transport Policy 2017/18 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 Under-16 Home to School Transport Policy for the 2017/18 academic year. However, in accordance with Government guidelines, the policy document has been expanded into a statement which, in addition to the policy, contains details of transport arrangements made by schools and colleges, and discounts/concessions available from local transport providers.

Other Options Considered

7. None.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

8. 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

9. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (Public Health only), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working, and where such implications are material they are described below.

Implications for Service Users

10. It is anticipated that the effects, if any, of these recommendations on service users will not be significant in the 2017/18 academic year.

Financial Implications

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

Human Rights Implications

12. 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/S

That:

- 1) the Committee approves the proposed Under-16 Home to School Transport Policy and the Post-16 Transport Policy for the 2017/18 academic year.

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Constitutional Comments (SMG 06/03/17)

13. The proposal set out in this report fall within the remit of this Committee.

Financial Comments (SS 07/03/17)

14. The financial implications of this report are contained within paragraph 11 above.

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.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

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