

**REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S  
COMMITTEE****UNDER-16 HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT POLICY AND POST-16  
TRANSPORT POLICY - 2016/2017 ACADEMIC YEAR****Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval of the proposed Under-16 Home to School Transport Policy and Post-16 Transport Policy for the 2016/17 academic year. The proposed policies remain unchanged from the 2015/16 academic year.

**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 the 2016/17 academic year are attached as **Appendices 1 and 2**.

**Under-16 Home to School Transport Policy 2016/17 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. It sets out the criteria for:
  - 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 Under-16 Home to School Transport Policy for the 2016/17 academic year.

**Post-16 Transport Policy 2016/2017 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 this will be provided for.

6. It is not proposed to make any amendments to the Under-16 Home to School Transport Policy for the 2016/17 academic year.

### **Other Options Considered**

7. None.

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

8. To seek approval for these policies to enable publication in line with the requirements of the Education and Inspections Act 2006.

### **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.

### **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.

### **Public Sector Equality Duty Implications**

12. An EIA has been undertaken and is available as a background paper. Decision makers must give due regard to the implications for protected groups when considering this report.

### **Human Rights Implications**

13. 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**

- 1) That the Committee approves the proposed Under-16 Home to School Transport Policy and the Post-16 Transport Policy for the 2016/17 academic year.

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**Constitutional Comments (LM 12/04/16)**

14. The recommendation in the report fall within the Terms of Reference of the Policy Committee.

**Financial Comments (SH 31/03/16)**

15. The financial implications of the report are set out in 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.

Equality Impact Assessment

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

All.

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