

**POST 16 TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE POLICY AND STATEMENT**

**COUNCILLOR LYNNE AYRES, CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION, SKILLS AND UNIVERSITY**

**Deadline date: 31.05.2022**

Cabinet portfolio holder:	Councillor Lynne Ayres, Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and University
Responsible Director:	Jonathan Lewis - Service Director, Education
Is this a Key Decision?	NO
Is this decision eligible for call-in?	NO – Waiver of call-in
Does this Public report have any annex that contains exempt information?	NO
Is this a project and if so has it been registered on Verto?	NO Verto number: N/A

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Cabinet Member is recommended to:

1. Approve the Council's 'Post -16 Transport Policy' and Policy Statement for Academic Year 22/23.

**1. SUMMARY OF MAIN ISSUES**

- 1.1 This report seeks the Cabinet Member's approval for the 'Post-16 Transport Policy' ("Policy") and statement which is published annually to be effective up to August 2023.
- 1.2 With the approval of the Mayor (in the absence of the Chairman of the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee) and the Monitoring Officer, the waiver of call-in procedure have been invoked to suspend the decision being subject to a three day call-in period. These procedures have been invoked because of the requirement to publish the Policy Statement on the Council's website by the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022, completion of the Policy and Statement was delayed due to the decision to align the process with Cambridgeshire County Council and have a separate Policy Statement reflecting information for the academic year and a Policy effective from September 2022 that will not require updating annually unless changes to the Policy are required.

## 2. PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

- 2.1 This report is for Councillor Lynne Ayres to consider exercising delegated authority under paragraph 3.4.3 of Part 3 of the constitution in accordance with the terms of their portfolio at paragraph (g).

## 3. TIMESCALE

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	<b>NO</b>	If Yes, date for relevant Cabinet Meeting	<b>N/A</b>
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## 4. DETAILS OF DECISION REQUIRED

- 4.1 The Policy applies to home to school/college transport for students who are aged over 16 but under 19 and up to the age of 25 for those with special educational needs and/or disabilities.

- 4.2 The Council is required to annually review, update and publish its statement by 31 May in line with statutory guidance and to ensure it continues to meet the needs of the Council and the users affected by any changes in its Policy.

- 4.3 A decision has been made to update the Policy to be effective from September 2022 with no expiry date and publish a Post 16 Policy Statement which will be update and published annually in line with the guidance.

- 4.3 The Policy remains largely the same as last year's policy. The only changes are an increase in the parental contribution to £600 per year / £300 per half year for post 16 transport assistance (per family). Reference information for colleges and public transport has been updated. The increase in the parental contribution is to bring this in line with neighbouring local authorities including Cambridgeshire County Council.

- 4.4 This policy is based on the following documents and guidance:

- Post-16 transport and travel support to education and training – statutory guidance for local authorities January 2019
- Sustainable School Transport Policy (August 2009)
- Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Transport Plan 2021
- Peterborough Long Term Transport Strategy (LTTS) (2011-2026)
- Peterborough Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP4) (2016 to 2021)
- [www.gov.uk/1619-bursary-fund/further-information](http://www.gov.uk/1619-bursary-fund/further-information)
- <https://www.gov.uk/care-to-learn/how-to-claim>

## 5. CONSULTATION

- 5.1 Not applicable.

## 6. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES

- 6.1 Transport provided to those eligible under the Policy.

## 7. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS & ANY RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 7.1 It is a requirement under the Department for Education's Post 16 Transport to Education and Training Guidance 2019 for the Council to publish its Policy statement each year.

## **8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

8.1 The following option was considered and rejected:

Continue to use the existing policy – Changes to dates and information required

## **9. IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 The Council has considered the statutory guidance and strategies as outlined in paragraph 4 of this report. The Council has completed a Carbon Impact Assessment for the revised Policy. The Council has a duty to publish the revised Policy statement each year in accordance with the Department for Education's Post 16 Transport Guidance.

## **10. DECLARATIONS / CONFLICTS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS GRANTED**

None.

## **11. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

None.

## **12. APPENDICES**

Appendix A - Post -16 Transport Assistance Policy  
Appendix B – Post 16 Transport Policy Statement