

Background

- Average cost per student for Post 16 transport has increased by 27.1% over the last 12 months, to a total of £3.7m across the Service
- Costs have risen significantly above inflation over the last year due to cost of living, fuel prices, national shortage of drivers and reduced competition
- This proposal will result in an increase in the amount of parental contribution received but this will only partially offset the rise in costs already experienced and funded by the Council
- Parents will continue to contribute c.20% of the costs of the transport arrangement, with the Council funding the remaining 80% as in previous years



Consultation

20 February to 2 April 2023

31 responses at close of consultation



Responses

One stated they were supportive

12 stated they were opposed

 18 stated no direct support or opposition though all had unfavourable comments.



Concerns raised

Subject	Number of respondents raising within their comments
Cost of Living/Inflation concerns	21
SEN discrimination	21
Distance to placement	13
Lack of suitable alternative travel options	6
Impact on work commitments	3
Hampshire Transport Contracts value	3
Lobby Central Government for funding	2
Benefits/PIP	2
Disproportionate impact for families in rural areas	2



General Responses

Working hours and single car preclude driving not our daughters choice to have Special Educational Needs

Increase is 27% versus pay increase of 1.7% Don't believe cost structure has increased 27% woeful national underfunding of provision for SEN

I support the increase in costs as long as they are thoroughly means tested.

not my Childs fault he can't use public transport and penalising us

PIP has not increased by 27%

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Already a struggle... pushing the boundaries of unaffordable

We live over 6 miles from nearest college along country roads None of my secondary schools have a sixth form – 16 mile journey Families with disabled children often can only work shorter hours

Would urge not to increase or even drop altogether much less likely to be necessary if they receive the education they are entitled to

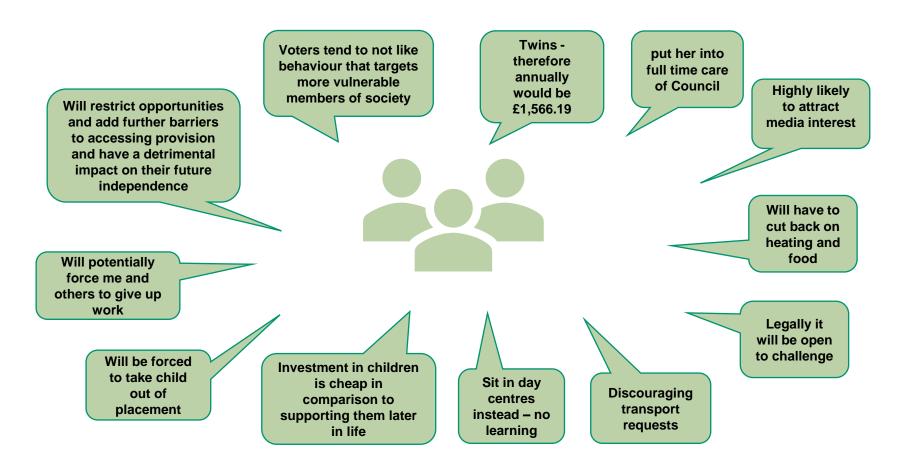
Implies pay or your child doesn't get access to education

Implies other options even though named on EHCP

Equality Act provides right for children to be able to access education to same degree as a child without difficulties



Anticipated impacts



Suggestions

