

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Children's Service
Date:	19 October 2023
Title:	Permission to Consult on Proposed Changes to School Transport Policy
Report From:	Director of Children's Services

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1. The decision:

1.1. That the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services:

Gives approval to proceed with a public consultation on the proposed changes to the School Transport Policy with a further report setting out the findings of the consultation to be presented at a future Executive Member Decision Day, likely to be in the first quarter of the 2024 calendar year.

2. Reasons for the decision:

2.1. The proposed changes to policy would enable the Council to be better able to provide flexible transport arrangements for children and young people that respond to changing needs, demand and external market pressures, as well as updating the policy to refresh it and bring it up to date.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. Statutory guidance states that local authorities should consult on proposed changes to Policy and therefore, no alternatives to a public consultation have been considered.

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: Not Applicable

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: Not Applicable

7. Statement from the decision maker: Not Applicable

Approved by:

Date:

Councillor Edward Heron
Executive Lead Member for Children's Services

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