

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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Committee:	Children and Young People Select Committee
Date:	8 July 2020
Title:	Proposed Changes to Post 16 Transport Policy Statement 2020
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Purpose of this Report

1. The purpose of the report is to provide an outline of the proposed changes to Post 16 Transport Policy Statement 2020 and the process followed to establish the Policy Statement.

Recommendation

2. That the Children and Young People Select Committee consider and support the recommendations being proposed to the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services and Young People in Paragraphs two and three of the attached report.

Executive Summary

3. The purpose of this report is to enable the Children and Young People Select Committee to pre-scrutinise the attached report that informs the Executive Lead Member that the
 - Department followed the usual processes consulting on changes to its Post 16 Transport Policy Statement following the statutory timetable
 - Director of Children's Services first determined the Policy Statement, on 27 May 2020, in consultation with the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services and Young People.
 - Policy Statement determined on 27 May 2020 was, following legal advice, withdrawn after receipt of a pre-action protocol letter.

- Policy Statement has now been reviewed and amended and is being presented for approval to the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services and Young People.

REQUIRED CORPORATE AND LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Strategic Plan

Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity:	Yes
People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives:	Yes
People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment:	No
People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities:	Yes

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:	
<u>Title</u> Proposed Changes to the Home to School Transport Policy (2021)	<u>Date</u> 18 March 2020
https://democracy.hants.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=1477	27 May 2020
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives	
<u>Title</u> https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/772913/Post16_transport_guidance.pdf	<u>Date</u> January 2019

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

Document

Location

None

EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT:

1. Equality Duty

The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited by or under the Act with regard to the protected characteristics as set out in section 4 of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation);
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (see above) and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic;
- Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

Please see Appendix C of the attached report: Proposed Changes to Post 16 Transport Policy Statement 2020