

CABINET MEMBER DECISION

Decision:

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

(i) Details of decision

There were none.

Decision:

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

(i) Details of decision

There were six public questions and responses published as a supplement to the agenda papers. Supplementary questions and responses will be published as a supplement to this decision sheet.

Decision:

ENHANCED ANNUAL POST 16 POLICY STATEMENT

(i) Details of decision

1. That the enhanced annual Post 16 Policy Statement be approved.

(ii) Reasons for decision

Home to school travel assistance helps children and young people get to and from their education setting. This comes in several different forms, such as independent travel training (ITT), mileage re-imbursement, bikeability*, driving lessons and taxi, minibus and coach services. For young people aged 16 to 19, H2S TA supports them, by exception, to travel to their school or college and for young adults aged 19 to 25 where they continue to attend an education or training provision and have an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP).

*Bikeability is a national scheme which encourages young people to undertake funded cycle training with a view to improving their independence and road knowledge, enabling them the freedom to cycle

The enhanced annual Post 16 Policy Statement sets out the way in which the Council discharges its statutory and discretionary powers and responsibilities in relation to school and college transport assistance available for pupils aged 16 to 25 years of age, both with and without additional needs. While Surrey County Council will continue to support those who most need help, the Council must also manage increasing costs and demand within the overall resources available. In line with the proposals agreed by Cabinet on 26 April 2022, the proposed enhanced annual Post 16 Policy Statement (Annex A) will increase the options for young people who qualify for discretionary H2S TA, encourage people to use environmentally friendly travel and support independent travel (including the introduction of a Post 16 bursary) as a means of preparing young people for adulthood. The Statement also

highlights travel options available to young people who are not eligible for funded assistance from the Council.

(iii) Details of any alternative options considered and rejected

N/A

(iv) Details of any consultation and representations received not included in the published report

None.

Conflicts of Interest and any Dispensations Granted

(Any conflict of interest declared by any other Cabinet Member consulted in relation to the decision to be recorded and any dispensations granted by the Audit and Governance Committee)

None

Decision taken by:

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(ii) Portfolio: Cabinet Member for Education & Learning

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Date decision effective (i.e. 5 working days after date of publication of record of decision unless subject to call-in by the Children, Families, Lifelong Learning & Culture Select Committee): 26 May 2022