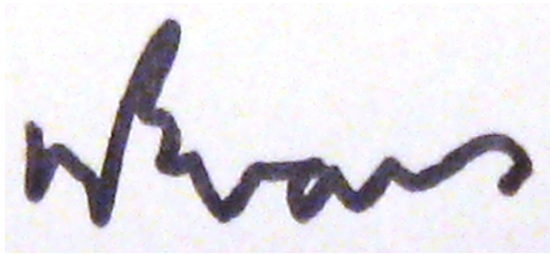


Single Member Cabinet Decision

Executive Forward Plan Reference	E2901
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**SEND Home to School Transport , part of Strategic Review
– Getting from A to B**

Decision maker/s	Cllr Michael Evans, Cabinet Member for People & Communities
The Issue	There has been significant growth in the numbers of SEND pupils needing Home to School Transport. As a result the SEND transport budget is £450k overspent. Traditional methods of home to school transport have been reviewed and new methods of offering transport can be introduced that will reduce the pressure on this budget and offer a wider range of options to parents
Decision Date	5 th of November 2016
The decision	The Cabinet Member is asked to approve the new principles and proposed changes and approaches that will be incorporated into our new SEND transport policy.
Rationale for decision	By introducing these new principles the council will be promoting independence, utilising the council's resources effectively, and enabling the council to provide free travel to the most vulnerable. A number of Local Authorities have successfully adopted these principles in their SEND transport strategies, demonstrating an improvement in customer satisfaction and reducing spend.
Financial and budget implications	A new post has been created 'SEND Travel Advisor' to implement our changes. This will be fixed term initially for two years and financed by Strategic Review funds. The adoption of these principles should also limit the growth in the pressures being observed in the current SEND home to school transport budget, which is projecting an overspend of £450k in this financial year.
Issues considered (these are covered in more detail in the report)	SEND transport sustainability, Young People, Parents home to school transport entitlement, council finances, council values & principles.
Consultation undertaken	B&NES Senior Management Team, Informal cabinet, transport pilot with parents, Section 151 Finance Officer; Monitoring Officer.
How consultation was carried out	A paper on our proposed changes to our transport approaches and principles was shared with B&NES Senior Management Team. We also carried out a pilot with 12 families on some of our proposed changes. We have also consulted with parent carers forums. We will also continue our parent consultation should this decision be approved
Other options considered	None

Declaration of interest by Cabinet Member(s) for decision, including any dispensation granted:	
Any conflict of interest declared by anyone who is consulted by a Member taking the decision:	
Signatures of Decision Makers	
Date of Signature	8 th November 2016
Subject to Call-in until 5 Working days have elapsed following publication of the decision	