

Travel Assist Service

Appendix B – Commissioning Strategy

AMENDED Paragraph 2.5, page 7

The text below is to replace paragraph 2.5 on page 7 of Appendix B – Commissioning Strategy

2.5 Proposed changes include:

- a) Combining the policies into a single 0-25 composite policy document.
- b) Changing the Stage 2 Appeal Panel from a Members Panel to Officers. This is in line with good practice nationally; retains a Stage 2 Appeals process; and will involve officers who have a related specialism but have not been involved directly in any of the cases.
- c) Increasing the financial contribution requested from parents of children and young people who are not of compulsory school age.
- d) Clarifying the circumstances when travel assistance will be provided for children who are below compulsory school age.
- e) Setting out the Council's policy in relation to travel assistance for young adults over the age of 19.
- f) Strengthening the emphasis on independent travel training and alternative modes of transport.
- g) An increased emphasis on the use of Personal Transport Budgets.
- h) Greater clarity of the application process and eligibility for parents (what we will and won't do).
- i) Greater clarity concerning the rights and responsibilities of parents towards accompanying their children to school.
- j) Greater clarity around the factors that will be relevant to the decision whether to offer travel assistance