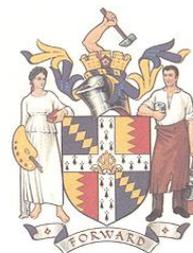


Reports not on the Forward Plan / Late Report

**Birmingham City Council**

**Report to Cabinet/Cabinet Committee**

16<sup>th</sup> April 2019



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**Subject:** TRAVEL ASSISTANCE POLICY FOR 0-25 YEAR OLDS IN EDUCATION

**Report of:** Tim O`Neil - Director of Education and Skills

**Relevant Cabinet Member:** Cllr Jayne Francis - Education, Skills & Culture  
Cllr Kate Booth - Children’s Well-being  
Cllr Paulette Hamilton - Health & Social Care  
Cllr Tristan Chatfield – Finance & Resources

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**1) Late Reports**

To be completed for all late reports, i.e. which cannot be despatched with the agenda papers i.e. 5 clear working days’ notice before meeting.

<i>Reasons for Lateness</i>	<p>There are a number of factors in the delay of this submission, most notably the impact of government publication of new statutory guidance for post 16 transport. Adjustments and legal consultations have impacted on the start date of the consultation, which now spans half term. As there is a statutory requirement for the consultation to take place during term time, this further extends the date of the end of the consultation and drafting of the final report as documented in the timeline below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- December 2018 - A plan to consult on a new policy for home to school transport was agreed by Cabinet</li><li>- January 2019 - New Post-16 transport and travel support to education and training statutory guidance for local authorities</li></ul>
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	<p>issued by government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- January /February 2019 - Draft new policy amended to reflect new statutory guidance alongside legal discussions and advice</li> <li>- February/ April 2019 – A comprehensive 28 working day ,term time consultation period launched on 15<sup>th</sup> February that will end on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019</li> </ul> <p>Whilst preliminary analysis will be undertaken as the consultation progressed, final analysis will be completed after the consultation closes. It is for this reason that a late submission date of 12<sup>th</sup> April is required to accommodate final analysis requirements in readiness for Cabinet consideration on the 16<sup>th</sup> April.</p>
<p><i>Reasons for Urgency</i></p>	<p>Subject to Cabinet approval to the new draft policy for implementation, publication will need to take place before 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019 to ensure compliance with post 16 transport guidance. Deferral to a later Cabinet will impact upon this.</p> <p>The next opportunity for publication would then be May 2020. This would mean that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The new policy could only be applied to requests for Travel assistance after this date for post 16 pupils in new provision from September 2020, a 12 month delay.</li> <li>2. As the policy would need to be applied equitably, the implementation for children below school age would also be delayed for 12 months.</li> <li>3. The delay of the policy implementation would impact on budget proposals in addition to supporting the reshaping of the wider SEND system.</li> </ol>
<p><i>Date Corporate Clearance agreement obtained:</i></p>	<p>Consulted off-line</p>

**2) Key Decisions not on the Forward Plan / Urgent Decisions**

To be completed for Key Decisions not on the Forward Plan 28 days before the Cabinet meeting at which the decision is to be taken.

<p><i>Reasons for Urgency</i></p>	<p>[insert reasons]</p>
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<i>Date Chief Executive Agreement obtained:</i>	N/A
<i>Name and Date of O&amp;S Chair agreement obtained:</i>	N/A