

## EQIA Submission – ID Number

### Section A

**EQIA Title**

Home to School Transport Policy for 4-16

**Responsible Officer**

Craig Chapman - CY EPA

### Type of Activity

**Service Change**

No

**Service Redesign**

No

**Project/Programme**

No

**Commissioning/Procurement**

No

**Strategy/Policy**

Strategy/Policy

**Details of other Service Activity**

No

### Accountability and Responsibility

**Directorate**

Children Young People and Education

**Responsible Service**

Fair Access

**Responsible Head of Service**

Craig Chapman - CY EPA

**Responsible Director**

Christine McInnes - CY EPA

### Aims and Objectives

KCC's Transport Policy is currently expressed via a combination of formal statutory duties, dedicated member decisions and parental operational guidance. Children Young People and Education (CYPE) directorate seeks to combine these separate information streams into a cohesive Transport Policy, to ensure full transparency and provide a single reference point for decision making.

In bringing this documents together, KCC is not changing assessment criteria or significantly altering its application. Rather, the policy seeks to reduce the administrative burden placed on some families when securing free school transport, by streamlining decision making. As such, the potential for negative outcomes for pupils with protected characteristics as a result of these improvements remains very low.

More broadly, KCC's main transport processes and assessment criteria are based on national legislation and have been continually refined to take into account the latest statutory guidance and insights from Local Government and Social Care Ombudsmen decisions. This too minimises the potential for unreasonable negative impacts for pupils with protected characteristics.

### Section B – Evidence

**Do you have data related to the protected groups of the people impacted by this activity?**

Yes

**It is possible to get the data in a timely and cost effective way?**

Yes

<b>Is there national evidence/data that you can use?</b>
Yes
<b>Have you consulted with stakeholders?</b>
No
<b>Who have you involved, consulted and engaged with?</b>
Public consultation planned for January 2023.  Stakeholders include:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents and guardians of mainstream and SEND pupils</li> <li>• Pupils</li> <li>• Schools and further education providers, including governing bodies</li> <li>• Bus Operators</li> <li>• District and Borough Councils</li> <li>• Parish and Town Councils</li> <li>• Kent PACT</li> <li>• Parent carer forums</li> <li>• Information, Advice and Support Kent (IASK)</li> </ul>
<b>Has there been a previous Equality Analysis (EQIA) in the last 3 years?</b>
No
<b>Do you have evidence that can help you understand the potential impact of your activity?</b>
Yes
<b>Section C – Impact</b>
<b>Who may be impacted by the activity?</b>
<b>Service Users/clients</b> Service users/clients
<b>Staff</b> No
<b>Residents/Communities/Citizens</b> Residents/communities/citizens
<b>Are there any positive impacts for all or any of the protected groups as a result of the activity that you are doing?</b>
Yes
<b>Details of Positive Impacts</b>
Formalising the policy will ensure that all Kent residents, including those with protected characteristics, have a single reference point to understand their legal entitlement to free school transport. KCC works with parental groups to ensure supporting guidance is easily accessible and provides direct staff support where necessary to lower the barrier for inclusion.  The policy centralises school transport support for all Children In Care within the same framework, ensuring that pupils that do not automatically qualify against national criteria are not required to undertake separate application processes to receive the proper support from KCC as their corporate parent.
<b>Negative impacts and Mitigating Actions</b>
19.Negative Impacts and Mitigating actions for Age
<b>Are there negative impacts for age?</b>
No. Note: If Question 19a is "No", Questions 19b,c,d will state "Not Applicable" when submission goes for approval
<b>Details of negative impacts for Age</b>
Not Completed
<b>Mitigating Actions for Age</b>

Not Completed
<b>Responsible Officer for Mitigating Actions – Age</b>
Not Completed
<b>20. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Disability</b>
<b>Are there negative impacts for Disability?</b>
No. Note: If Question 20a is "No", Questions 20b,c,d will state "Not Applicable" when submission goes for approval
<b>Details of Negative Impacts for Disability</b>
Not Completed
<b>Mitigating actions for Disability</b>
Not Completed
<b>Responsible Officer for Disability</b>
Not Completed
<b>21. Negative Impacts and Mitigating actions for Sex</b>
<b>Are there negative impacts for Sex</b>
No. Note: If Question 21a is "No", Questions 21b,c,d will state "Not Applicable" when submission goes for approval
<b>Details of negative impacts for Sex</b>
Not Completed
<b>Mitigating actions for Sex</b>
Not Completed
<b>Responsible Officer for Sex</b>
Not Completed
<b>22. Negative Impacts and Mitigating actions for Gender identity/transgender</b>
<b>Are there negative impacts for Gender identity/transgender</b>
No. Note: If Question 22a is "No", Questions 22b,c,d will state "Not Applicable" when submission goes for approval
<b>Negative impacts for Gender identity/transgender</b>
Not Completed
<b>Mitigating actions for Gender identity/transgender</b>
Not Completed
<b>Responsible Officer for mitigating actions for Gender identity/transgender</b>
Not Completed
<b>23. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Race</b>
<b>Are there negative impacts for Race</b>
No. Note: If Question 23a is "No", Questions 23b,c,d will state "Not Applicable" when submission goes for approval
<b>Negative impacts for Race</b>
Not Completed
<b>Mitigating actions for Race</b>
Not Completed
<b>Responsible Officer for mitigating actions for Race</b>
Not Completed
<b>24. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Religion and belief</b>
<b>Are there negative impacts for Religion and belief</b>
No. Note: If Question 24a is "No", Questions 24b,c,d will state "Not Applicable" when submission goes for approval
<b>Negative impacts for Religion and belief</b>
Not Completed
<b>Mitigating actions for Religion and belief</b>

Not Completed
<b>Responsible Officer for mitigating actions for Religion and Belief</b>
Not Completed
<b>25. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Sexual Orientation</b>
<b>Are there negative impacts for Sexual Orientation</b>
No. Note: If Question 25a is "No", Questions 25b,c,d will state "Not Applicable" when submission goes for approval
<b>Negative impacts for Sexual Orientation</b>
Not Completed
<b>Mitigating actions for Sexual Orientation</b>
Not Completed
<b>Responsible Officer for mitigating actions for Sexual Orientation</b>
Not Completed
<b>26. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Pregnancy and Maternity</b>
<b>Are there negative impacts for Pregnancy and Maternity</b>
No. Note: If Question 26a is "No", Questions 26b,c,d will state "Not Applicable" when submission goes for approval
<b>Negative impacts for Pregnancy and Maternity</b>
Not Completed
<b>Mitigating actions for Pregnancy and Maternity</b>
Not Completed
<b>Responsible Officer for mitigating actions for Pregnancy and Maternity</b>
Not Completed
<b>27. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Marriage and Civil Partnerships</b>
<b>Are there negative impacts for Marriage and Civil Partnerships</b>
No. Note: If Question 27a is "No", Questions 27b,c,d will state "Not Applicable" when submission goes for approval
<b>Negative impacts for Marriage and Civil Partnerships</b>
Not Completed
<b>Mitigating actions for Marriage and Civil Partnerships</b>
Not Completed
<b>Responsible Officer for Marriage and Civil Partnerships</b>
Not Completed
<b>28. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Carer's responsibilities</b>
<b>Are there negative impacts for Carer's responsibilities</b>
No. Note: If Question 28a is "No", Questions 28b,c,d will state "Not Applicable" when submission goes for approval
<b>Negative impacts for Carer's responsibilities</b>
Not Completed
<b>Mitigating actions for Carer's responsibilities</b>
Not Completed
<b>Responsible Officer for Carer's responsibilities</b>
Not Completed