# KENT COUNTY COUNCIL - RECORD OF DECISION

#### **DECISION TAKEN BY**

Mr Mike Whiting, Cabinet Member for Education, Learning and Skills

DECISION NO.

12/01847

If decision is likely to disclose exempt information please specify the relevant paragraph(s) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972

### Subject:

**KCC Post 16 Transport Policy** 

### Decision:

## The Cabinet Member for Education, Learning and Skills AGREED TO:

- (1) The KCC Post 16 Transport Policy to allow schools and colleges and training providers to secure a travel pass which will provide extended access to all students in a fair and sustainable way. KCC will provide the opportunity for all education and training providers to secure a Post16 Travel Pass available for use on all registered public service bus routes in Kent.
- (2) The subsidised pass will be available to schools and colleges and training providers for an annual fee of £520, or £10 a week, and can be further subsidised by them for their registered students.
- (3) The changes in government funding arrangements will mean that these will be procured directly from the education providers by students. It is expected that such providers who will have benefited from the government's new 16-19 Bursary scheme can use elements of this funding to support the cost of their students' travel.
- (4) If bus travel is not the most appropriate form of transport for a learner, it will be up to the learning provider to facilitate an alternative. KCC will, where required, continue to act as a broker to procure other transport at attractive rates, as a paid-for service to learning providers.
- (5) Any learner in education or training who is not eligible for a contribution from their provider or employer would pay the full cost of the Post 16 Travel Pass at £520.

**Any Interest Declared when the Decision was Taken** None.

Reason(s) for decision, including alternatives considered and any additional information In reaching this decision I have taken into account the report presented and views expressed at the Education Cabinet Committee, at its meeting on 9 May 2012.

### **Background Documents:**

Education Committee Report – Post 16 Transport Policy – 9 May 2012

Signed

14 May 2012

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Decision Referred to
Cabinet Scrutiny

YES NO

Cabinet Scrutiny
Decision to Refer
Back for
Reconsideration
YES NO

Reconsideration Record Sheet Issued

YES NO

Reconsideration of Decision Published