

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY

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Cabinet Member for Planning, Highways, Transport and Waste

DECISION NO:

19/00021

For publication

Key decision*

Yes –

Subject: Young Persons Travel Pass

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Planning, Highways, Transport and Waste, I agree to update the Cabinet Decision of June 2015 to:

- reduce the subsidy to the standard YPTP pass by £60;
- introduce an option to pay by instalments, the costs of which to be funded by the charging of a modest £10 administration fee;
- maintain the cost of the pass to students from low income families at £100;
- maintain the provision of free passes to those in care and care leavers; and
- maintain the current offer that those families purchasing more than two standard cost passes will only pay for the first two

Reason(s) for decision:

The Young Persons Travel Pass (YPTP) is a discretionary scheme, providing subsidised bus travel for Kent students in years 7 to 11. The scheme, which is accessed by 24,000 students, has been reviewed in light of funding and demand pressures.

It is proposed that from the 2019/20 academic year there will be a reduction in subsidy of £60 for those who purchase a standard pass. This reduction in subsidy will reduce the net cost of the scheme by £800K. There will be no changes to the current offer in respect of:

- Students from low income families, (defined as those receiving free school meals) where the cost of the pass will remain at £100.
- The provision of free passes to those in care, care leavers and Catch 22.
- The current offer that those families purchasing more than two standard cost passes, will only pay for the first two.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The proposal supports the budget that was approved at Full Council on 14 February.

The proposal is being discussed by the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee on 19 March.

Any alternatives considered:

N/A

Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer:

Name:

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signed

date