KENT COUNTY COUNCIL - PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY

ROGER GOUGH

DECISION NO.

13-00037

CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION AMD HEALTH REFORM

Unrestricted

Subject:

Post 16 Transport Policy – 2013 -14

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Education, Learning and Skills, I agree to the Post 16 Transport Policy outlined in the report attached as appendix 1)

Reason(s) for decision

KCC has a statutory duty to consult each year on its Post 16 Transport Policy before determining and publishing arrangements. A full and widespread consultation on the policy change took place back in 2012, this year in line with its statutory duty KCC consulted on retaining the existing policy for 2013. This proposed transport policy reflects the results of the consultation.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation

The proposed decision was considered by the Education Cabinet Committee at its meeting held on 19 March 2013. The Committee supported the proposal to retain the existing policy and requested a report be brought back to the Committee on the results of the consultation.

Any alternatives considered:

If the recommended KCC Post 16 Transport Policy is not agreed schools and colleges will not have the ability to secure a travel passes from KCC which provide extended access to all students in a fair and sustainable way. KCC would no longer provide the opportunity for all education and training providers to secure a Post16 Transport Pass available for use on all registered public service bus routes in Kent.

The current KCC Post-16 Transport Policy for 2012 was written against the backdrop of the need to fulfil the Authority's responsibility to ensure full participation in learning and work based training for all 18 year olds by 2015, the removal of the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) and introduction of the government's new 16-19 Bursary scheme. If this policy is not agreed then KCC will not meet its responsibility to ensure full participation in learning and work based training for all 18 year olds.

Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer: None

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6/06/13