

**COUNCIL 20<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2024****Cabinet 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024****129 HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT POLICY**

Councillor Lynn, Cabinet Member with responsibility for Public Services and Communities presented a written report of the Director, Public Services which sought consideration of the Home to School Transport Policy. The Council was required to ensure its Home to School Transport Policy was kept up to date and was aligned with national guidance, and so a period of consultation on a proposed policy (Appendix 1) had taken place over the last couple of months. The report set out the feedback received and invited Cabinet to finalise the proposed policy, prior to submission to Council for formal approval.

The Home to School Transport Policy provided the criteria for eligibility to receive free transport assistance to pupils of a statutory school age (5 – 16). The eligibility criteria had not changed, and the proposed policy provided more clarity where the criteria became complex. It was important to have a policy that was robust and less open to interpretation. The Home to School Transport Policy required Cabinet consideration prior to adoption by the Council. Following the updated statutory guidance being issued by the Department for Education, Calderdale's Home to School Transport Policy had been reviewed and updated. The proposed policy had then been the subject of widespread consultation. The overall aim had been to provide a clear and transparent policy which reflected national guidance. Approval for this policy to be implemented in time for the 2025/26 academic year was now being sought.

The report outlined background information, options considered, financial, legal, human resources and organisational development, environmental, health and economic implications.

**\*RESOLVED that it be recommended to Council that the Home to School Transport Policy be approved.**

*Original reports considered can be found on the Council's website as follows:*

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