

**DECISION TAKEN BY OFFICER UNDER SECTION 13 OF THE LOCAL  
AUTHORITIES EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENT REGULATIONS 2012**

**Officer:** Vicky Wales

**Service Unit:** Children, Young People and Learning

**Date of Decision:** 16 May 2017

**Title:** Post 16 Transport Policy

**Decision(s) Taken:**

To extend the home to school transport policy to include young people with an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) up to the age of 25.

**Threshold Trigger:** (please delete as required and give background)

- (i) Decision taken in consultation with the Portfolio Holder
- ~~(ii) Decisions having a substantive effect on the provision of local services, e.g., fees/charges~~
- ~~(iii) Decisions taken after public consultation~~
- ~~(iv) Decisions taken after Cabinet consideration or specifically delegated to an Officer~~

**Reason for the Decision:**

As part of its statutory duties the Borough of Poole has a locally determined policy for Transport Assistance for 16 to 19 Year Olds. Under the SEND Code of practice the Local Authority must include information about their arrangements for young people with an EHCP up to the age of 25.

**Declaration of Interest(s), to include:**

None

**Report/Information Considered:**

The current Post 16 Transport Policy defines when assistance can be provided for young people aged between 16 and 19 at the start of their course and this has been amended to include criteria for 20 to 25 year olds. The eligibility for 16-19 year olds has not been changed.

The addition for pupils aged 20 to 25 is as follows:

*For pupils aged between 20 and 25 assistance with transport may be extended if they meet all of the following criteria:*

- Are a Poole resident*
- Are aged between 20 and 25 at the beginning of the academic year*
- Have a current Education Health and Care Plan statement of Special Educational Needs*
- Live 5 miles or more from their school or college*
- Attend the nearest school or college offering an appropriate course ie one that enables the student to meet his or her employment objectives or is designed to meet the students special educational needs. This will be determined by the Borough of Poole SEND Team*

*Eligible students are asked to make a contribution towards the cost of their transport. For the academic year 2017-2018 this is £450 per annum, which can be paid in three instalments if preferred.*

*This contribution can be waived for families on a low income ie meeting the eligibility criteria for Pupil Premium or receiving Working Tax Credit at the maximum level.*

*If you think you may meet these criteria, you can email [schoolmeals.transport@poole.gov.uk](mailto:schoolmeals.transport@poole.gov.uk) or telephone us on 01202 634250 for further information and advice.*

**Alternatives Considered:**

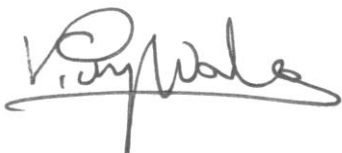
None. Under the SEND code this is a statutory requirement.. Para 4.48 states that the local offer must include information about arrangements for transport provision, including those up to age 25 with an EHC plan.

**Budget Implications:**

This change extends the age range for supporting young people. This is a new requirement and it is not possible to say how many young people aged 20-25 who have an EHCP will opt to stay in education. Numbers at this stage are not expected to be high and not all pupils accessing education between the ages of 20-25 will meet the criteria for assistance.

Any costs will be identified and monitored through the normal mechanisms.

**Signed:**



**Dated: 16 May 2017**