

TRAFFORD COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

<u>DATE OF DECISION</u>	25th July 2011	<u>DECISION MAKER</u>
<u>DECISION REFERENCE</u>	E/25.07.11-5	Executive (Councillors Anstee, Colledge, Cornes, Coupe, Holden, Mitchell, Reilly, Mrs. Turner, A. Williams and M. Young)
<u>RECORD OF THE DECISION</u> <u>Home to School Transport Policy</u> That agreement be given to the implementation of the revised Home to School Transport Policy from September 2012.		
<u>REASONS FOR THE DECISION</u> The proposed policy protects children whose parents meet the low income criteria and those receiving transport support because of their special educational needs. However, the Council needs to balance the benefits of the level of support currently provided to all those currently eligible for free home to school transport, against the financial costs, particularly given the unprecedented budget challenges facing the public sector at present. This requires funding to be prioritised and targeted at vulnerable groups to ensure those that need support are able to receive it.		
<u>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS</u> Keeping the existing policy; implementing the proposed policy in a phased way so it only applies to new entrants and does not affect those already in receipt of support; and provision of subsidised transport through a mechanism of parental contribution. These alternatives are discussed in greater detail in section 8.2 of the report.		
<u>CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY DISPENSATION</u> The Monitoring Officer advised of a general dispensation for all Members with children of school age; and Members of the Executive holding governorships of Trafford schools each declared a Personal Interest in this item.		

<u>IMPLEMENTATION DATE</u> 5th August 2011 (sixth working day after publication, unless called in).
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<u>PUBLICATION DATE</u> 28th July 2011
<u>RECORDED BY:</u> Acting Director of Legal and Democratic Services

RETURN TO DEMOCRATIC SERVICES DIVISION, FLOOR 6, QUAY WEST, TRAFFORD WHARF ROAD, TRAFFORD PARK, MANCHESTER, M17 1HH, AS SOON AS A DECISION IS MADE OR AS REASONABLY PRACTICABLE THEREAFTER.