CALL-IN OF EXECUTIVE DECISION
SEND Post-16 Transport: Proposed Policies

Children, Young People, and Education Scrutiny Commission – 22 May 2025

COUNCIL – TBD

REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

Useful information

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1. Summary

An Executive decision taken by the Assistant City Mayor for Children and Young People on 13 May 2025 relating to Post-16 SEND Transport has been the subject of a 5-member call-in under the procedures at Rule 12 of Part 4D, City Mayor and Executive Procedure Rules, of the Council's Constitution.

The procedure rules state that a scrutiny committee or any five councillors may request formally that the decision be called-in for a further review by giving notice in writing to the Monitoring Officer within five working days of the decision.

The 5 Councillors who signed the call in were: Councillor Bonham (Proposer), Councillor Moore (Seconder), Councillor Cole, Councillor March, and Councillor Surti

2. Recommended actions/decision

The Committee is recommended to either:

a) Note the report without further comment or recommendation. *(If the report is noted the process continues and the call in will be considered at a future meeting of Full Council);* or

b) Comment on the specific issues raised by the call-in. *(If comments are made the process continues and the comments and call in will be considered at a future meeting of Full Council);* or

c) Resolve that the call-in be withdrawn *(If the committee wish for there to be no further action on the call-in, then they must actively withdraw it. If withdrawal is agreed the call-in process stops, the call-in will not be considered at a future meeting of Full Council and the original decision takes immediate affect without amendment).*

Council is recommended to either:

a) Support the Assistant City Mayor's decision, and thus confirming the decision with immediate effect; or

b) Recommend a different decision to the Assistant City Mayor. (The original decision will still stand, unless the City Mayor takes a further decision to amend the original.)

3. Scrutiny / stakeholder engagement

A draft decision report was considered by the Children, Young People, and Education Scrutiny Commission on 25 February 2025.

The decision report details the public consultation on the policy.

4. Background and options with supporting evidence

The Executive Decision Report, and Decision Notice are attached at as appendices alongside the proposed policy, policy statement, Equality Impact Assessment and additional information docuement.

5. Detailed report

The call-in submitted to the Monitoring Officer was in the following terms:

' The Children, Young People and Education Scrutiny Commission meeting on 25/02/25 had expressed concerns about the proposals contained within the SEND Post-16 Transport draft policy, this debate led to several recommendations. We feel that this is such an important policy it requires scrutiny oversight in its revised form ahead of a formal decision by the Executive.'

The Monitoring Officer has confirmed that the call-in satisfies the requirements of the procedure rules and it has, therefore, proceeded as per the process set out at Rule 12 of Part 4D, City Mayor and Executive Procedure Rules of the Council's Constitution.

Where a call-in has been made, officers are to take no further legally binding action, unless the circumstances of Rule 12 (f) are fulfilled, and the matter shall be referred to a meeting of the full Council. Prior to this it shall be referred to the relevant Scrutiny Committee if one is programmed or a special scrutiny committee if one is convened.

The call-in may however be withdrawn if:

The relevant scrutiny committee/commission makes a resolution to withdraw; or

The sponsor and seconder of the call-in inform the Monitoring Officer that they wish the call-in to be withdrawn.

Following consideration of a call-in by Full Council, the original decision will be deemed to be revived in its entirety. Any agreement by the decision maker to change the original decision will require a further formal Executive Decision.

6. Financial, legal, equalities, climate emergency and other implications

6.1 Financial implications

There are no financial implications arising from the call-in beyond those in the decision report.

Signed: Mohammed Irfan, Head of Finance
Dated : 13 May 2025

6.2 Legal implications

The legal implications arising from the call-in are explained in sections 2 and 5 above

Signed: Kamal Adatia, Monitoring Officer
Dated: 14 May 2025

6.3 Equalities implications

There are no comments in addition to those in the decision report.

Signed: Surinder Singh, Equalities Officer
Dated: 13 May 2025

6.4 Climate Emergency implications

There are no further climate emergency implications to those provided in the decision report.

Signed: Duncan Bell, Change Manager (Climate Emergency)
Dated: 13 May 2025

6.5 Other implications (You will need to have considered other implications in preparing this report. Please indicate which ones apply?)

None

7. Background information and other papers:

None

8. Summary of appendices:

Appendix A Executive Decision Report – SEND Post-16 Transport: Proposed Policies dated 13 May 2025

Appendix B Children and Young People With Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) Home to School and College Travel Policy – April 2025

Appendix C Post-16 Transport Policy Statement Academic Year 2025-2026

Appendix D Equality Impact Assessment: Post-16 SEND Transport dated 13 May 2025

Appendix E Additional Information – SEND Post-16 Transport: Proposed Policies

Appendix F Decision Notice - SEND Post-16 Transport: Proposed Policies dated 13 May 2025

9. Is this a private report (If so, please indicate the reasons and state why it is not in the public interest to be dealt with publicly)?

No