

Draft Policy Communications Plan

Project Details	
Policy	Draft SEND Home to School and College Travel Policy for the academic years 2025/2026 to 2027/2028 / Draft 2025/2026 Post 16 Transport Policy Statement
Communications Lead	Sarah Bywater / Alexandra Barker
Lead Commissioner	Maria Coulson

Version	Date	Author	Amendment Details
v0.1	09.07.2024	Maria Coulson	Initial draft communications plan
v0.2	21.08.2024	Maria Coulson	Questions developed following Childrens Strategic Commissioning team development work with Director of SEND and Education and Communications team
V0.3	19.09.2024	Maria Coulson	Updated following LCC legal advice
V0.4	21.10.2024	Maria Coulson	Updated following further legal advice
V0.5	29.10.2024	Maria Coulson	Updated following further legal advice and incorporating news release
V0.6	04.11.2024	Maria Coulson	Updated following further legal advice and developing appendices
V0.7	06.11.2024	Maria Coulson	Updated following comms development
V0.8	07.01.2025	Maria Coulson	Signed off version implemented

1. Purpose, aims and objectives

- 1.1 To provide clarity and follow up communication to key stakeholders regarding the SEND transport policies for the 2024/2025 academic year. To detail the proposed consultation and broader communication approach for:
- the Draft SEND Home to School and College Travel Policy for the academic years 2025/2026 to 2027/2028
 - the Draft 2025/2026 Post 16 Transport Policy Statement

2. Communication risks

- 2.1 Failure to communicate effectively could contribute to a perception of poor communication with stakeholders.
- 2.2 The rules surrounding SEND transport are quite ambiguous and much depends on councils taking an informed, objective view of each individual child / young person's circumstances. This means that all policies have an element of ambiguity for people who rely on them (across all councils).

3. Audience

- 3.2 The focus will be on young people, particularly those with SEND, their parents / carers and Education providers.
- 3.3 Key messages:
- The council cares about families who have SEND children and young people and is committed to supporting them to thrive in education.
 - Due to financial limitations the way that the council meets need has to change. There is a risk that some young people will become not employed, in education or training (NEET). This has a knock on effect to benefit entitlement.
 - Consistency and clarity of approach is an important part of families understanding what support will be provided in the future. The assessment of eligibility is changing for post-16 learners, such that those who have previously benefitted from support may no longer be eligible.
 - Policy will be consistently and robustly implemented in the 2025/2026 academic year across all ages.
 - Policy implementation will mean that some families may need to make arrangements to ensure that they can meet their legal parental responsibility.
 - Financial implications are a factor as funding to exercise discretionary support is not in place.

4. Communication methods:

Audience	Direct Comms	Meeting (could be virtual)	Social Media	Schools Extranet	Partner Comms	LCC website	Members bulletin
All residents – consultation on Citizen Space for 8 weeks						✓	
Parents/ carers of all CYP in receipt of SEND Transport 2024 / 2025	✓						
City Mayor / executive		✓					
Ward Councillor's							✓
Schools and colleges		✓		✓			
Parent Carer Forum	✓	✓					
Independent Schools and Colleges	✓						
SEND Staff Social Care & Education Staff	✓						
MP's	✓						
News release			✓			✓	
Other providers including SENDIASS	✓						
Unions	✓						
Big Mouth Forum	✓	✓					

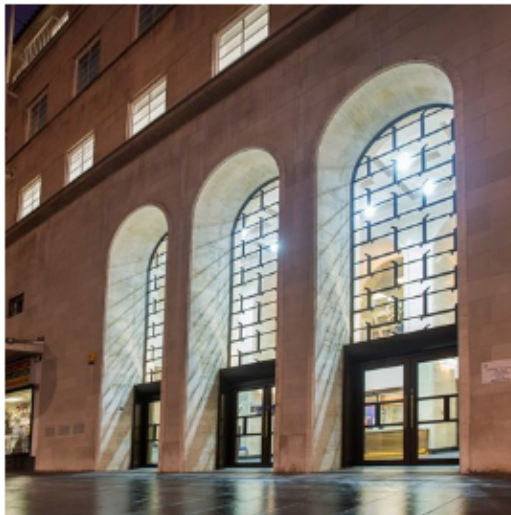
Appendix 1 –Actual News Release – published on 07.11.2024

[Consultation under way on school transport funding](#)

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Published on Thursday, November 7, 2024

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PEOPLE are being asked for their views on council proposals to end school transport funding for young people aged 16 and over who have special educational needs and disability (SEND).

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https://news.leicester.gov.uk/news-articles/2024/november/consultation-under-way-on-school-transport-funding/#~:text=The%20consultation%20will%20run%20until,returned%20by%2031%20December%202024.

Related categories

- Public health and social care

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Paper versions of the survey for adults or for young people are available on request. Please contact consultations@leicester.gov.uk. Paper surveys need to be returned by 31 December 2024.

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Appendix 2. Consultation questions

As with all consultations this is an online form. There are different flows for different people answering questions.

[Post-16 education transport for young people with SEND - Leicester City Council - Citizen Space](#)

The proposed policy and consultation question approach were developed following:

- Lead Commissioner attendance at the Big Mouth forum on 15 August 2024 to listen to the concerns that young people have surrounding travel.
- Director of SEND and Education, Lead Commissioner and LCC Communications Team forums with parents involved with previous legal challenges in this area and the Parent Carer Forum.
- Details of the questions and approach were shared with the Children, Young People and Education Scrutiny Committee on 01.10.2024 for their information.

A separate appendix to the consultation report contains details of all questions and responses.

Appendix 3. Letter emailed to all parents/ carers in receipt of SEND Transport support provided by Leicester City Council when the consultation opened on 07.11.2024

Dear Parent / Carer,

Re: Transport policy consultation – proposed changes to Post 16 SEND transport service provision

Earlier this year we said we would consult again on our proposals to amend the home to school and college transport policies. Between now and the 2 January 2025 the consultation is open and you have an opportunity to tell us what you think about those proposed policies.

As with many parts of the country, the council has to change services to fit within the budgets it has available. This means we have had to propose changes that affect transport for young people with SEND who are over compulsory school age. These potential changes include:

- The general withdrawal of post 16 SEND Transport support for the academic year 2025/26.
- Very limited 'exceptional circumstances' when the council provides post 16 SEND transport support and the type of support offered will be in the form of a personal transport budget.
- There are also a few smaller changes to the policy for all children, for example where more than one address is 'home' and that parents / carers may be provided with a bus pass to travel with their child / young person.

Because these proposed changes could affect a large number of families it's really important that we hear what you have to say about the impact.

The changes are proposed for the next academic year (2025/2026). There will be no changes to transport support this academic year (2024/2025).

You can tell us what you think by responding to the consultation at [link].

Kind regards,



Sophie Maltby Director for SEND & Education



Laurence Jones Strategic Director, Social Care and Education

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Appendix 4. City Mayor / Executive Briefing.

The City Mayor was briefed regarding the approach on 26.09.2024. This was to provide an update surrounding the proposed approach.

A copy of the slides developed for the briefing are available separately should they be required.

Appendix 5. Ward Councillor's Briefing – sent on 07.11.2024.

For Information: Consultation under way on school transport funding

schools-extranet ☺ Reply Reply All Forward 📧 ⋮ Thu 07/11/2024 16:03

To: Cllr Abdul Osman; Cllr Adam Clarke; Cllr Annette Byrne; Cllr Ashiedu Joel; Cllr Bhupen Dave; Cllr Charleigh Barnes; Cllr Deepak Bajaj; Cllr Devi Singh Patel; Cllr Diane Cank; Cllr Dilip Joshi; Cllr Elaine Halford; Cllr Elaine Pantling; Cllr Ely Cutkelvin; Cllr Geeta Karavada; Cllr Geoff Whittle; Cllr George Cole; Cllr Hanif Aqibany; Cllr Hazel Orton; Cllr Hemant Rae Bhatia; Cllr Jaientilal Gopal; Cllr Jenny Joannou; Cllr Karen Pickering; Cllr Kulwinder Singh Johal; Cllr Liz Sahu; Cllr Lynn Moore; Cllr Manjit Kaur Saini; Cllr Manjula Sood; Cllr Melissa March; Cllr Mick Gregg; Cllr Misbah Batooh; Cllr Mohammed Dawood; Cllr Mohinder Singh Sangha; Cllr Molly O'Neill; Cllr Mustafa Malik; Cllr Nags Agath; Cllr Nigel Porter; Cllr Patrick Kitterick; Cllr Paul Westley; Cllr Raffiq Mohammed; Cllr Ravi Mahesh; Cllr Sanjay Modhwadia; Cllr Sarah Russell; Cllr Scott Kennedy-Lount; Cllr Shital Adatia; Cllr Stephen Bonham; Cllr Sue Waddington; Cllr Susan Barton; Cllr Syed Zaman; Cllr Ted Cassidy; Cllr Teresa Aldred; Cllr Vi Dempster; Cllr Yasmin Surt; Cllr Yogesh Chauhan; Cllr Zuffar Haq; Sir Peter Soulsby

Follow up. Start by 11 November 2024. Due by 11 November 2024.
This message was sent with High importance.

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Yours sincerely,

Sophie Maltby
Director for SEND, Early Help & Education


Laurence Jones
Strategic Director, Social Care and Education

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Appendix 6. Schools / colleges briefing - sent on 07.11.2024.

From: schools-extranet <schools.extranet@leicester.gov.uk>
Sent: 07 November 2024 16:12
To: schools-extranet <schools.extranet@leicester.gov.uk>
Subject: For Action/Information: SEND Transport Policy Consultation Opens

Please note: this email has only been sent to the Head and School Office email address.



<http://schools.leicester.gov.uk>

Thursday 7 November 2024

For the attention of all Heads/Principals. All Schools

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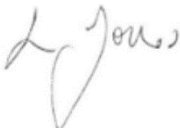
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Best wishes


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- Lead Commissioner attended Keeping In Touch call for all City Schools on 21 November 2024 and shared the process to access the consultation with all attendees.






Appendix 7. Independent schools / colleges briefing –sent on 07.11.2024

As per appendix 6 was sent on 07.11.2024

Appendix 8. Internal Staff Briefings – sent to all Social Care and Education Staff on 14.11.2024

Welcome to your SCE monthly staff update

 Social care and education <newsletter@newsletter.leicester.gov.uk>
 To: [redacted]
Follow up. Start by 15 November 2024. Due by 15 November 2024.
 If there are problems with how this message is displayed, click here to view it in a web browser.

 Reply  Reply All  Forward  

Thu 14/11/2024 12:41

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Appendix 9. MP Offices – sent on 07.11.2024

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2024 4:44 PM
To: 'liz.kendall.mp@parliament.uk' <liz.kendall.mp@parliament.uk>
Subject: SEND Transport Policy Consultation Opens

Dear Liz Kendall,

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2024 4:46 PM
To: 'shockat.adam.mp@parliament.uk' <shockat.adam.mp@parliament.uk>
Subject: SEND Transport Policy Consultation Opens

Dear Shockat Adam,

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2024 4:47 PM
To: shivani.raja.mp@parliament.uk
Subject: FW: SEND Transport Policy Consultation Opens

Dear Shivani Raja,

Please view the news release - [Consultation under way on school transport funding](#)

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Appendix 10. Parent carer forum briefing – sent on 07.11.2024

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2024 3:22 PM

To: [REDACTED] <Info@lcpf.net>

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: FW: SEND Transport Policy Consultation Opens

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Appendix 12. Parents who supported consultation question development sent on 07.11.2024

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2024 2:50 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: SEND Transport Policy Consultation Opens

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Appendix 13. - SENDIASS – sent on 19.11.2024

Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2024 6:34 PM
To: [REDACTED]sendiassleicester.org.uk>
Subject: SEND Transport Consultation

Dear SENDIASS

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Appendix 14. Unions – sent on 07.11.2024
From: schools-extranet <schools.extranet@leicester.gov.uk>
Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2024 4:16 PM

Subject: For Action/Information: SEND Transport Policy Consultation Opens



<http://schools.leicester.gov.uk>

Thursday 7 November 2024

For the attention of all Unions

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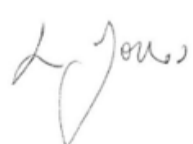
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Best wishes


Sophie Maltby
Director of SEND and Education


Laurence Jones
Strategic Director, Social Care and Education

Appendix 15.

Big Mouth Forum – attended on 15.08.2024. (minutes below) Comms sent on 08.11.2024

<p>Big Mouth Forum Transport Support and Personal Safety for SEND People</p> <p>Register</p> <p>Register Forum members: Ahmed, Aminah, Ezra, Mo, Moosa, Rodiyah, Sulayman, Roshni, Umaymah. Staff: Becky, Vanisha, Tessa, Guests: Cllr Whittle: Assistant City Mayor – Environment and Transport Maria Coulson: Senior Business Change Commissioning Manager SEND and Education Kavita Dholakia: Valuing People Support Officer Adult Social Care & Commissioning Rizwana Hassan: Business Change Commissioning Manager • Adult Social Care & Commissioning</p>	<p>Big Mouth Forum Transport Support and Personal Safety for SEND People</p> <p>Welcome</p> <p>Introductions Everyone introduced themselves and Ezra led a vocal warm up activity as the ice breaker. Then everyone introduced themselves by saying what animal they would be.</p> <p>Public Transport and Personal Safety Cllr Whittle and Maria Coulson introduced themselves and their role. Cllr Whittle also explained that he is a member of the executive on Environment and Transport. Becky explained that she had asked Cllr Whittle and Maria to come because of their role in supporting services to make improvements to transport services. Becky</p>	<p>Big Mouth Forum Transport Support and Personal Safety for SEND People</p> <p>asked everyone to look at the comments from the previous meeting to check they were correct and make sure there was nothing that needed to be added. Forum members additional comments include people parking on double lines is a problem, they are anxious their care will be removed even when they have contributed. They would like more wheelchair spaces on public buses and sometimes buses don't always arrive. One young person said there should be seat belts on buses for disabled people and babies. Some young people explained they had not experienced travelling on public transport, some said they worry that others don't</p>	<p>Big Mouth Forum Transport Support and Personal Safety for SEND People</p> <p>understand disabled people's behaviours and people need to be protected before they get hurt. Some said they would like better signs and emergency support. Cllr Whittle gave an update to some of the forum members questions. He explained that every bus driver should receive disability awareness training and they have to go on the training every 5 years. Drivers should know that people may struggle to understand and communicate. Cllr Whittle also explained that each bus company has how to help me cards that passengers can print off from the company's websites. The cards will tell the driver and other travellers what help the</p>
<p>Big Mouth Forum Transport Support and Personal Safety for SEND People</p> <p>passenger need. Everyone talked about drivers have the how to help me cards available in the carriage so passengers could point at what extra help they needed. Becky said that with tickets on the bus company's apps it would be good if the driver could see the how to help me cards information on a person's phone next to their electronic ticket. Action: Maria agreed to find out if young people receiving travel training support are given how to help me cards. Becky explained that the trainers who attend the DCS's train the trainer courses are informed of the how to help me cards as a support aid. Cllr Whittle explained a Leicester City Council</p>	<p>Big Mouth Forum Transport Support and Personal Safety for SEND People</p> <p>officer Bijal Misty in transport planning would appreciate the chance to work with someone from the forum. Sulayman said he would like to help. There was a discussion on the possibility of increasing number of bike lanes. Cllr Whittle said the number of lanes has increased and there is a map showing where they are located across Leicester. Becky explained that she knows of one school who is providing cycle training. Cllr Whittle explained that First Bus have 99% reliability and Arriva say they have 90% reliability. Becky explained she commutes to work using public transport and often Arriva stop and wait at bus stops regularly on their route. Cllr Whittle</p>	<p>Big Mouth Forum Transport Support and Personal Safety for SEND People</p> <p>explained that if a bus is early, they must wait until they are programmed to leave. Everyone talked about cameras on buses which drivers can see to help people to stay safe. Everyone talked about facilities at the city's bus stations Sulayman explained that sometimes they can be smelly. Cllr Whittle explained that the council is aware of vandalism, and they are trying to work out what to do to stop it. He explained the toilets get cleaned on a regular basis. Becky asked Cllr if there is any security at the bus stations later at night because she had a positive experience when a passenger was causing problems with other travellers. Security and the police stepped in</p>	<p>Big Mouth Forum Transport Support and Personal Safety for SEND People</p> <p>quickly to help. Cllr Whittle agreed to find further information on security available in bus stations. Becky explained that the plan has been for the forum to complete some audit and asked if this would be useful to Bijal. Cllr Whittle agreed any information is useful.</p> <p>Adult Learning Disability Partnership Board Riz and Kavita explained why they had come to the forum's meeting and said they hoped to create better links between the Learning Disability Partnership Board, the We Think Group and the Big Mouth Forum. Riz explained that she was aware of a young adult's plan to start a young adults social group and</p>
<p>Big Mouth Forum Transport Support and Personal Safety for SEND People</p> <p>Adult Social Care would like to provide support. Riz also explained there are adult leaders from the We Think Group that attend the Learning Disability Partnership Board and said it would be great if a BMF leader/ chairperson could attend the Partnership Board meeting as well. The meetings take place 4 times a year and the meetings talk about education, police, benefits, jobs and support for carers. Action: A forum member to attend the LDPB with Becky in October. Becky explained that the BMF have 3 priority areas and the first is to make sure people can have a support plan when they need it for life.</p>	<p>Big Mouth Forum Transport Support and Personal Safety for SEND People</p> <p>Becky gave Riz an example plan the forum had been working on. Action: Becky to share with Riz further information re plans for the young adult social club and details of the BMF top priority areas. Riz and Kavita to attend future BMF meetings when available.</p> <p>Questions for the October Youth Summit Becky played a game with the forum and asked them to think of a question to ask leaders at the Youth Participation Summit in October. Family's Mental Health and being able to spend quality time with each other, professionalism of staff, Booking appointments online, access to assistive</p>	<p>Big Mouth Forum Transport Support and Personal Safety for SEND People</p> <p>technology, improving knowledge by having better access to information and improving young person's confidence were all discussed as areas of importance Action: To agree the two questions to ask at the September forum.</p> <p>Nothing mentioned</p> <p>September 19</p> <p>Date of Next Meeting 19th September (Topic Debates and Scrutiny)</p>	

From: [Redacted] >
 Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2024 4:52 PM
 To: [Redacted]
 Subject: RE: SEND Transport Policy Consultation Opens

Yes of course, just drafting an email now and it will go out tomorrow morning at the latest. I will also double check if they need help to complete the survey at the next meeting

Best Regards

Subject: SEND Transport Policy Consultation Opens
Importance: High

Good afternoon [REDACTED],

I hope this email finds you well. Please could you share this with the Big Mouth Forum. Please explain that every response helps Cllr Pantling make a decision about what happens next.

Kindest regards,

[REDACTED]

Dear Big Mouth Forum

SEND Transport Policy Consultation Opens

Please view the news release - **Consultation under way on school transport funding [link to be inserted]**.

The council currently spends more than £4 million a year on the transport costs of around 500 young people with SEND.

Funding had been due to end in July 2024, following a consultation that took place two years ago. However, after concerns were raised by some parents about the process, the council announced that funding would continue for the 2024/2025 academic year, and a new consultation would take place.

Launched today 7 November 2024, the new consultation asks for views on a revised SEND transport policy, and how it will impact parents and children. Thank you for inviting Maria Coulson, the Lead Commissioner, Childrens Services to come and listen to some of the challenges you face when travelling.

Although the proposed new policy includes the general withdrawal of support for post-16 transport for the academic year 2025/26 your input helped us understand that the change really could affect a lot of young people quite significantly.

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Appendix 17. Reminder sent to all schools in December

From: schools-extranet <schools.extranet@leicester.gov.uk>

Sent: Wednesday, December 11, 2024 12:56 PM

To: schools-extranet <schools.extranet@leicester.gov.uk>

Subject: Update from the Director of SEND and Education - Wednesday 11

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