

TRAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

<u>DATE OF DECISION</u>	Friday, 19 May 2017	<u>DECISION MAKER</u>
<u>DECISION REFERENCE</u>	M/19.05.17/L	Leader of the Council (Councillor Sean Anstee)

RECORD OF THE DECISION

Outcome of the public consultation and decisions in relation to the Executive's proposal to revise the Council's All Age Travel Assistance Policy

1. That the Policy be approved for implementation with effect from 1st June 2017, except that the proposed increase in the charges levied as set out in paragraphs 2.5 – 2.8 of the report were not agreed and existing arrangements for contribution will be maintained.
2. That further work with a view to developing a longer term and more sustainable travel assistance policy be undertaken in partnership with service users and families.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

1. The Council has exercised its statutory duty to review travel arrangements for service users; the costs and charges, and eligibility to assistance. The decision has been informed by:-

- The methodology and approach used for the consultation process;
- The feedback received from the consultation process;
- The Equality Impact Assessment in relation to the travel arrangements policy for 2017/18.

2. There is a need for a longer term, sustainable travel assistance policy that meets and exceeds statutory entitlement where possible, within the available financial resources of the Council.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

The amendments to the policy were based on consultation responses and their evaluation as set out in sections 3 to 6 of the report. Having considered the report and the recommendations with regard to charging the Leader rejected the proposed increase in charges recommended in the report and decided that the current arrangements in respect of contributions and charges should be retained.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION

None.

CALL-IN DEADLINE DATE

Wednesday, 31 May 2017
(Decision can be implemented on the next working day, unless called in).

PUBLICATION DATE

Tuesday, 23 May 2017

RECORDED BY:

Director of Legal & Democratic Services

