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NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

DECISION RECORD

Re: Review of Charges for Post-16 Students

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- EXECUTIVE decisions (key or otherwise) taken by an individual Executive MEMBER; and
- KEY decisions taken by an OFFICER (either alone or in consultation with an Executive Member)

(One form per decision)

The following executive decision has been taken: -

- 1. That the charges for post-16 transport be increased from £315 per annum to £325 per annum (3%), with an equivalent increase in termly passes, with effect from September 2009.
- 2. That the concessionary charges made for non-entitled students to travel on home to school transport provided by the Authority also be increased by 3%.

By whom: Cynthia Welbourn in consultation with County Councillors Caroline Patmore and John Watson OBE

On: 13 February 2009

Reasons for decision: -

Charges for post-16 transport were introduced for the first time in September 2006. The charge was initially fixed at £300 per student. The charges were last reviewed in February 2008 at which time it was decided to increase the charges, from September 2008, by 5% to the current charge of £315 per annum.

Students with special educational needs are exempt from the travel charge and young carers or other young people with particular needs are considered for exemption on an individual basis.

An early decision is required in order that parents, pupils, schools and colleges can be informed of the increase.

Details of any alternative options considered and rejected: -

Conflicts of Interest
Please record below details of any conflict of interest declared by a Member or Officer regarding the decision and any dispensation granted by the Standards Committee in respect of the conflict.

Conflict	Dispensation?

Signed County Councillor Caroline Patmore

Publication Date: 13 February 2009

Signed County Councillor John Watson OBE

Signed Cynthia Welbourn, Corporate Director

Note: This decision will come into force, and may then be implemented, on the expiry of 5 clear working days after publication, unless any 6 members of the Council object to it and call it in by notice in writing (including e-mail) to the

Directorate: Children and Young People's Service

Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services).

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