

**NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**DECISION RECORD**

**Re: Transport arrangements for preventative placements in Pupil Referral Units**

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**This form should be used to record:**

- **EXECUTIVE decisions (key or otherwise) taken by an individual Executive MEMBER; and**
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- **A non-Executive decision taken by an OFFICER which falls into one of the following descriptions:-**
  - (i) **under a specific express authorisation; or**
  - (ii) **under a general authorisation to officers to take such decisions and, the effect of the decision is to**
    - **grant a permission or licence;**
    - **affect the rights of an individual; or**
    - **award a contract or incur expenditure which, in either case, materially affects that relevant local government body's financial position.**

*(One form per decision)*

**The following decision has been taken: -**

To approve arrangements to finance transport expenditure for pupils attending preventative places at pupil referral units from September 2020 for an initial trial period of one year and then subject to review.

**By whom:** *Stuart Carlton, Corporate Director – Children and Young People's Service*

**On: 7 April 2020**

*Was this an executive decision?*

YES

*If an executive decision, was it also a key decision?*

NO

**Reasons for decision: -**

The transformation of the pupil referral services is intended to encourage secondary schools to utilise preventative places (potentially on a short-term basis) with the objective being to prevent / reduce the risk of permanent exclusions. Discussions with head teachers have suggested that transport costs could prove a barrier to the ability of schools to use this approach, as schools are responsible for the payment of transport costs when a child is accessing alternative provision. Methodologies have been explored to ensure an appropriate balance of sharing the financial burden between the local authority and schools. The arrangements will only be offered to secondary schools based in North Yorkshire and it is anticipated will be cost neutral against current transport costs for young people attending PRS due to permanent exclusion.

The proposed approach involves operating a small number of tariff bands (which define a standard daily rate of transport cost reimbursement). This rate is then applied to all pupils from that school attending the alternative provision offer at the PRS.

**Details of any alternative options considered and rejected: -**

None

**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 or Monitoring Officer in respect of that conflict.

Conflict	Dispensation?

**Background Papers**

Please attach to this decision notice, for publication, the background papers that disclose any facts or matters on which this decision, or an important part of the decision, was based and which were relied on to a material extent in making the decision, but this does not include published works or those which disclose exempt or confidential information (as defined in Rule 10).

Signed

Publication Date: 8 April 2020

Stuart Carlton  
Corporate Director – Children and Young  
People’s Service

Directorate: Children and Young People’s  
Service

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