

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting10th November 2016

1. Title of Item/Report

Travel Support for Adult Service Users and Carers

2. Record of the Decision

Cabinet considered a report that detailed the approach and outcome of the 12 week public consultation on the proposed policy on Travel Support for Adult Service Users and Carers.

The public consultation period was between 11th July and 2nd October 2016.

A range of consultation techniques were used in order to gain feedback from service users, carers, interested groups, including service providers, employees of the Council, and the general public. Details of what the approach included, the questions asked and how the consultation was promoted was provided.

Members were also provided with details of the response received by questionnaire and details of the Service User Group Sessions and public meetings held.

Following the analysis of both the qualitative information and quantitative responses to the specific questions, it was proposed that the policy, at Appendix 1, be approved and implemented as of 1st December 2016. The Charging Policy and Eligibility Criteria were available in the members' library

A programme of workforce development to embed the cultural change and understanding of the policy would be implemented.

In conjunction with community transport, to continue to progress the review of the utilisation of Council transport and associated costs related to both in-house and commissioned services for service users within Adult Services.

RESOLVED that the Policy for Travel Support for Adult Service Users and Carers be approved with effect from 1st December 2016.

3. Reasons for the Decision

The Policy reflects current legislation and ensures that the Council would continue to support Adults and Carers who were eligible for funded transport, following an assessment, to ensure assessed service user and carer needs were met. It also provided the framework for a cultural shift from the Council being the first default provider or service provider promoting alternative options to maximise a person's level of independence.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Midnight, 18th November 2016

Proper Officer
14 November 2016