

COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT

REPORT TO: THE LEADER AND MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE

**SUBJECT: SPECIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE –
16TH SEPTEMBER, 2020**

REPORT OF: DEMOCRATIC AND COMMITTEE SUPPORT OFFICER

**PRESENT: Leader of the Council/
Executive Member Corporate Services
Councillor N.J. Daniels (CHAIR)**

**Deputy Leader/Executive Member –
Regeneration & Economic Development
Councillor D. Davies**

**Executive Member – Education
Councillor J. Collins**

**Executive Member – Environment
Councillor J. Wilkins**

**Executive Member – Social Services
Councillor J. Mason**

**WITH: Managing Director
Interim Corporate Director of Education
Head of Legal & Corporate Compliance
Communications, Marketing & Customer Access Manager**

DECISIONS UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
No. 1	<p><u>SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION</u></p> <p>It was noted that no requests had been received for the simultaneous translation service.</p>	
No. 2	<p><u>APOLOGIES</u></p> <p>There were no apologies for absence reported.</p>	
No. 3	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS</u></p> <p>No declarations of interest or dispensations were reported.</p>	
	<p><u>DECISION ITEMS – EDUCATION MATTERS</u></p>	
No. 4	<p><u>HOME TO SCHOOL AND POST 16 TRANSPORT POLICY 2021/22: APPROVAL AND PUBLICATION (BY OCTOBER 1ST 2020)</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to the report of the Education Transformation Manager.</p> <p>At the invitation of the Leader, the Interim Director of Education presented the report and outlined the amended policy changes in Appendix 1. The Interim Director emphasised that there would be no change to distance and reverting to statutory limits.</p> <p>The Executive Member for Education said Councils had a statutory duty to publish their Home to School and Post 16 transport policies by 1st October, 2020. She drew Members attention to Section 2.3 of the report which outlined that Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council was more generous in respect of home to school transport entitlement than the Welsh Government statutory limits and this demonstrated the Council’s commitment to support pupils and learners.</p>	

The Leader commented that as part of the annual review a commitment had been given that the Council's distance limits would remain the same for the remainder of the current political administration and hoped this would give comfort to parents.

RESOLVED that the report be accepted and the Executive Committee approved the Home to School and Post 16 Transport Policy 2021/22 (**Appendix 1**) (Option 1).