

OFFICERS DECISION RECORD 2 FORM

This form should be used to record Officer Decisions which a financial impact (income/expenditure) between £25k - £100k

Decision Reference No: 2122077

BOX 1

DIRECTORATE: LOCYP DATE: 10 January 2022

Contact Name: Kim Holdridge Tel. No: 01302 737219

Subject Matter: Payments to Taxi/Bus Escorts when vehicles are cancelled due to pupils self-isolating to help with current recruitment and retention issues faced by taxi firms

Box 2

Decision Taken To provide an additional payment to contractors to maintain Escort salaries at 100% in the event of transport being cancelled due to pupils self isolating for Covid.

BOX 3**REASON FOR DECISION AND ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

In the event of transport cancellation due to pupils not travelling the contractor would usually receive 50% of the daily price for up to 5 days. However the current spike in Covid cases has led to significantly more transport cancellations than usual.

Whilst taxi drivers are able to pick up other passengers in place of / in addition to their school runs this is not the case for taxi escorts who are employed in this capacity purely for the school run am and pm. Additionally Escorts tend to be low paid and firms are finding it increasingly difficult to recruit and retain these staff in light of frequent cancellations and interruptions. Maintaining the Escort payment for periods of cancellation due to pupils self-isolating may provide an extra measure of reassurance and help to maintain continuity and retain staff.

This would also apply to minibus escorts although minibus cancellations are less likely as they carry a number of passengers every day.


It is proposed that this we pay 100% of the Escort cost from January 2022 in the event of a route being cancelled due to pupils self-isolating with covid. Not for any other reason and this would only be for a maximum of 2 weeks. This would be for the period from January to the Easter break initially, so for one term. If numbers continue to be high after Easter a further ODR will be created.

BOX 4**BACKGROUND PAPERS NO**

(If YES please list and submit copies with this form)

BOX 5**INFORMATION NOT FOR PUBLICATION**

This is not restricted

Name: Kim Holdridge**Signature:** **Date 10 Jan 22****BOX 6****AUTHORISATION****Name: Riana Nelson****Signature:** **Date: 13.01.2022**

Director of Learning Opportunities and Skills (DCS)

Does this decision require authorisation by the Chief Financial Officer or Other Officer **NO**

If yes please authorise below:

Name:**Signature:****Date:**

Chief Executive/Director/Assistant Director of:

Consultation with Relevant Member(s)**Name:****Signature:****Date:**

Designation:

(e.g. Mayor, Cabinet Member or Committee Chair/Vice-Chair)

Declaration of Interest NO**If YES please give details below**

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