



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE

DECISION MADE BY: Cabinet DATE DECISION MADE: 21 November, 2019

Cabinet Members Present:

Councillor A Morgan (Chair), Councillor M Webber (Vice-Chair),
Councillor R Bevan, Councillor A Crimmings, Councillor G Hopkins,
Councillor M Norris, Councillor J Rosser, Councillor R Lewis and
Councillor C Leyshon

Agenda Item : 10

**SUBJECT: The impact of the Public Service Vehicle Accessibility Regulations 2000
on charging for spare seats on mainstream school / college transport**

1. DECISION MADE:

Agreed –

1. To defer the consideration of the item until the New Year.

2. REASON FOR THE DECISION BEING MADE:

The need to update Cabinet on the impact of the Public Service Vehicles Accessibility Regulations 2000 (PSVAR), which from 1 January 2020 will affect the discretionary sale of spare seats to mainstream learners who do not qualify for free school/college transport.

3. LINKS TO CORPORATE PRIORITIES/FUTURE GENERATIONS - SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT:

The report supports the Well-being Plan of the Cwm Taf Public Services Board, the declaration by the Welsh Government of a Climate Emergency and the Council's own Corporate and Air Quality Action Plans. One of the objectives of the Corporate Plan is to "encourage our residents to be more active and healthy", whilst the Air Quality Action Plan is aimed at tackling pollution at locations within the County Borough which currently exceed national guidelines.

4. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO DECISION BEING MADE:

The discretionary elements of the Council's policy are subject to review and may be discontinued. Any proposed changes will be subject to consultation with learners and parents/carers and, if taken forward by the Council, will usually apply from the start of a school/college year and will have regard to the Learner Travel (Wales) Measure 2008.

A letter will be sent to parents who purchased a seat during the Autumn Term 2019, informing them of the change in legislation that will prevent from selling spare seats on its contracts, and the mitigation that is being put in place to ensure compliance.

5. PREVIOUS CONSIDERATION BY A COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL:

None

6. PERSONAL INTERESTS DECLARED:

None

7. DISPENSATION TO SPEAK (AS GRANTED BY STANDARDS COMMITTEE):

N/A

8. (a) IS THE DECISION SUBJECT TO CALL-IN BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:

No

8.(b) IF NO, REASONS WHY IN THE OPINION OF THE DECISION-MAKER THE DECISION IS EXEMPT OR NON APPLICABLE:

I. COUNCIL / SCRUTINY FUNCTION (CALL IN IS THEREFORE NON APPLICABLE):-
Reason:

It was agreed to defer the consideration of the report to a future meeting of the Cabinet.

II. URGENT DECISION:-

Reason N/A

8.(c) IF DEEMED URGENT - SIGNATURE OF PRESIDING MEMBER OR DEPUTY PRESIDING MEMBER OR HEAD OF PAID SERVICE CONFIRMING AGREEMENT THAT THE PROPOSED DECISION IS REASONABLE IN ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES FOR IT BEING TREATED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULE 17.2:

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(PRESIDING MEMBER)

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(Dated)

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