

Meeting: Council

Date: Wednesday 21 February 2018

Subject: Travel policy

Report of: Councillor Sabri on behalf of the Cabinet

The Council is asked to consider the minute and resolution of the Cabinet meeting held on **13 December 2017** as set out below.

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The Council is recommended to:-

Approve the implementation of the staff travel policy.

Minute extract Cabinet – 13 December 2017.

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The Cabinet considered the report of the Assistant Director for Human Resources and Transformation regarding a new staff travel policy across Eastbourne Borough Council and Lewes District Council.

Consultation took place with all employees and the trade union from July to September 2017, and UNISON had welcomed the pay protection applied to essential car user allowance.

Resolved:

That the policy be recommended to Full Council for implementation.

Reason for decision:

Lewes District and Eastbourne Borough Councils have jointly committed to bringing policies and procedures together as part of the Joint Transformation Programme (JTP) which is an important step towards aligning our people and business practices.

A comprehensive review of all existing arrangements relating to travel and car

allowances across Lewes and Eastbourne has been undertaken, followed by a period of formal consultation on a proposed new travel policy which reflects new ways of working.

All new JTP roles are flexible with the expectation being that staff will be required to work from both Southover House, Lewes and 1 Grove Road, Eastbourne (and more widely across the district and borough for some roles). Managers will work closely with their teams to agree agile working arrangements to ensure appropriate availability at both sites which take account, wherever possible, of specific individual circumstances.

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