

Amendment from Councillor Levy

“The Children’s Society notes that transport poverty exacerbates other inequalities, and a 2025 report by the Institute for Fiscal Studies identified that young people’s mobility is closely tied to long-term social and economic outcomes.

The Council notes that it is working with bus companies to improve services in Oxfordshire and thanks them for their support for its schemes to make bus services more reliable, quicker and more extensive. It would welcome the opportunity to make services more accessible to young people and others.

This Council notes that there are many transport disadvantaged groups who could significantly benefit from targeted support with public transport, such as those under 18, care leavers and asylum seekers.

This Council asks the Cabinet to consider a scheme for the whole county to provide free or significantly reduced bus travel for children and young people up to the age of 18 where the money for such scheme would require substantial funding to be viable and longterm and that this will require funding from central government in addition to Oxfordshire making a contribution were a Workplace Parking Levy to be introduced.”