

Amendments for Council 8 July 2025

Item 5 Appointments

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Liz Leffman and seconded by Councillor Neil Fawcett

Paragraph 7, on the Corporate Parenting Panel: Councillor Ben Higgins to be replaced by Councillor Sean Gaul

Item 17 Motion from Councillor Brighthouse

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Emily Kerr and seconded by Councillor Emma Garnett

The Children's Society notes that transport poverty exacerbates other inequalities, ~~with children from low-income families potentially missing out on school trips, extracurricular activities, or suffering poor school attendance. A~~ and a 2025 report by the Institute for Fiscal Studies ~~similarly~~ identified that young people's mobility is closely tied to long-term social and economic outcomes.

~~This Council, being aware of the levels of child poverty in this county and the effect this has on the ability of families and young people to travel by~~ The 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 set up a Cabinet Advisory Group to consider a scheme to provide free or significantly reduced bus travel for children and young people up to age of 18- as well as other disadvantaged groups of young people.

Such a scheme could be funded from fines from ANPR enforcement ~~and would enable children and young people to get to school and college settings by enabling bus companies to develop routes to school that better meet the travel needs of families and children, but given this relies on illegal motoring offences, funding through revenue-raising schemes such as the Workplace Parking Levy and the Congestion Charge may be more appropriate.~~

~~This Council notes~~ West of England Mayor Helen Goodwin Combined Authority has funded free travel for children up to 16 this summer-, as well as a longer-standing care-leavers free travel initiative, and Oxfordshire has recently trialled free asylum seeker bus travel.