

## **Annex A**

### **Transport policy statement for learners aged 16-18 in further education and continuing learners aged 19 and over. 2009/10**

**Name of Local Authority:** Council of the Isles of Scilly

**Department Responsible:** Finance and Resources

#### **1. Summary of Policy Statement and Main Objectives**

The following notes describe the Authority's policy on subsidised transport for students aged 16 to 18 in further education, attending College or School 6<sup>th</sup> Form.

Each student can apply for a maximum contribution grant of £100 per return visit home.

Each student can apply for a maximum of 6 return visits home each academic year, this means that you can travel home each half term, but the maximum contribution grant that you can apply for each visit is £100.

Travel grants will be issued to you so that you can pay for your travel up front, you will then need to send the receipts to the council offices with your name and post 16 education establishment clearly marked on the documents.

#### **2. What concessionary fares, discounts, subsidies, passes or travel cards available for learners aged 16–18 and who provides them?**

Student rates on Boat, Helicopter and Plane have been negotiated between the Authority and transport providers. All discounts are subject to student membership to the local loyalty schemes. For more information please contact the Post-16 Travel Administrator on 424046.

#### **3. Will support continue to be made available to learners who reach 19 whilst continuing on a course?**

Travel grants will only be issued to students who are 19 if the funding has first been sought and confirmed through the LSC.

#### **4. Will learners be assessed to see if they are eligible for support? e.g. means-testing or must they be on benefits?**

Due to the arrangement with the LSC all students who are travelling to post 16 education are entitled to travel grants

**5. What help is provided for learners with learning difficulties and/or disabilities including those over 19 or learners facing other difficulties in following their courses?**

Funding is in place to assist SEN students in travelling to and from home and the educational establishment. Each student is considered on an individual basis to ensure their needs are met. Please contact the Travel and Accommodation Administrator as soon as possible to discuss your situation. Whenever possible students are highlighted during later years of pre 16 schooling to ensure that funding is in place for post 16 requirements.

**6. Is there any mobility/independence training for learners who face difficulty with transport?**

Any students who face difficulty with using transport from the Islands should discuss their circumstances with the Travel and Accommodation Administrator.

**7. When should learners start to apply for transport support?**

Students apply for this at the same time as applying for accommodation grants, this is due to the unique nature of post 16 funding and education for Isles of Scilly students

**8. What help can learners apply for if they need to travel to a course that is beyond your LA area?**

Due to the arrangement that the Council of the Isles of Scilly has with the Learning and Skills Council, because all students need to travel beyond the Local Authority area, this is encompassed within the terms of the contract

**9. What help is available for learners who attend a further education institution which is beyond daily travelling distance and they need to stay away?**

Due to the unique nature of the Isles of Scilly and its geographical location it is anticipated that all children have to board on the mainland during term time.

**10. What are the points of contact for learners seeking transport support?**

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