|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Shropshire Council The ShirehallAbbey ForegateShrewsburySY2 6ND |
| To: Interested parties including Elected Members,All Schools, Post 16 establishments, Parents Advocacy Group, Voluntary & Community Sector, Neighbouring Authorities, Local Members of Parliament and Parish Councils |
| Date: | 3 September 2019 |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |

Dear Stakeholder,

**Consultation on the proposed introduction of a post-19 transport policy**

The consultation into the proposed introduction of a Post 19 Transport Policy aims to recognise SEND Post-19 learners as adults in education and identify necessary transport needs in line with Department of Education Guidance, specifically our duty relating to section 508F of the Education Act.

Shropshire Council actively encourages young adults to participate in education and training, it is expected that the vast majority of adult learners will make their own travel arrangements and meet the cost of those arrangements. However, with the introduction of the proposed policy, the Council may conclude that it is necessary to make such arrangements for the provision of transport, consequently we anticipate better outcomes for the learner that will aim for or enable a learner to travel and live as independently as possible.

The proposed draft policy is attached and forms part of the consultation documents,

Shropshire Council will now commence a period of consultation on the proposed policy. We would be grateful for any thoughts and comments you may have on this proposed policy, which if adopted would commence in the Autumn of 2019.

**Consultation**

If you have any comments or views on this proposed policy, please use one of the following methods of communication to put forward your views.

We would also request that schools/colleges pass this information on to any potential adult’s learners the proposals may affect.

* Transport Consultation,

Passenger Transport Group

107 Longden Road,

Shrewsbury

SY3 9QA

* special.transport.team@shropshire.gov.uk

The consultation is also available to view at [www.shropshire.gov.uk](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk)

The consultation will close on 18th October 2019.

For full details of what the Council currently provides please go to

[www.shropshire.gov.uk/the-send-local-offer/young-people/education/sen-transport/](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/the-send-local-offer/young-people/education/sen-transport/)

Following this consultation, all views and comments will be taken into account before a decision is made.

Yours sincerely

Passenger Transport Group

Shropshire Council