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To: All Members of the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Panel

Dear Member,

Children and Young People's Scrutiny Panel - Monday, 4th July, 2022

I attach a copy of the following reports for the above-mentioned meeting which were not available at the time of collation of the agenda:

**10. HARINGEY TRAVEL ASSISTANCE POLICY (CONSULTATION UPDATE) (PAGES 1 - 12)**

To report on the consultation that is taking place on the Haringey Travel Assistance Policy.

**11. SUPPORT TO REFUGEE CHILDREN (PAGES 13 - 22)**

To report on support for refugee children arriving in the borough.

Yours sincerely

Rob Mack, Principal Scrutiny Officer

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# Haringey Travel Assistance Policy Interim consultation update

## **Children and Young People's Scrutiny Panel 4 July 2022**

Jackie Difolco

Assistant Director: Early Help, Prevention  
and SEND



# Travel Assistance Policy

Haringey Council is proposing to up-date and revise it's home-school transport policy. We are introducing a more detailed account of how decisions are made in the interests of transparency and to ensure our stakeholders are as informed as possible. This will also ensure that there is less confusion and misinformation in the community.

The majority of children and young people who require transport assistance to school will continue to benefit from the existing provision from Transport for London. Specialist assistance will continue to be provided for children and young people with SEND or those whose family circumstances mean that additional support to access education will be required.

[Cabinet decision 8 March 2022](#)

# Proposed changes



Consideration of sustainability, focusing on the environment, emissions reduction, and promotion of independent travel options.



Move from title of 'Transport' Policy to 'Travel Assistance' policy.



Creating a specific policy for young people aged 16-25, including information about external travel support.

# Proposed changes



Introduction of 'Behavioural Standards' for children and young people using transport commissioned by the Local Authority.



Detailed explanation of the transport decision making process.



Standardisation of disputes and appeals process in accordance with Statutory Guidance.



# Proposed changes



To reduce disruption to the service and inform effective planning, LBH are implementing cut off dates for applications. The beginning of the academic year is the most critical time with regards to school travel and we aim to promote continuity in the service we provide the children. Late applications present several issues for the service in several ways, which is why a cut-off date is necessary.



Development of 'Personal travel budgets' and how they are calculated.



Comprehensive 'Application' procedure and guidance.



Clarity around breakfast/ after school clubs and times when Haringey will provide transport.

# Opportunities for consultation

- **Local Offer dedicated page:** [SEND Home School Transport Consultation | Haringey Council](#)
- **Microsoft Teams live events:** Monday 30 May 8.30am – 9am, Friday 17 June 5.30pm – 6pm, Monday 27 June 12pm -12.30pm, Monday 25 July 5.30pm – 6pm
- **Markfield in person event:** Friday 1 July 12 – 1.30
- **Talks at schools:** Thursday 12 May - The Brook, Thursday 16 June - The Vale
- [Haringey People Extra](#)
- [Haringey People Magazine | Haringey Council](#) page 24
- Schools bulletin – 10 May, 24 May, 28 June
- [SEND Newsletter](#) – 11 May, 8 June and 13 July
- Home zone (this goes out to all tenants) distributed June 18
- Hard copy letter to families sent on 18 May, emails sent to families on 13 May, SMS text sent to families on 25 May from LBHaringey Transport





# Opportunities for consultation

- Member's briefing - Monday 16 May 2022
- Email and text to all families who receive transport –
- Briefing to Special School Heads, March and May meetings
- In person briefing events with parents and carers in special schools
- Paper copies are available in libraries

- [Yammer](#)

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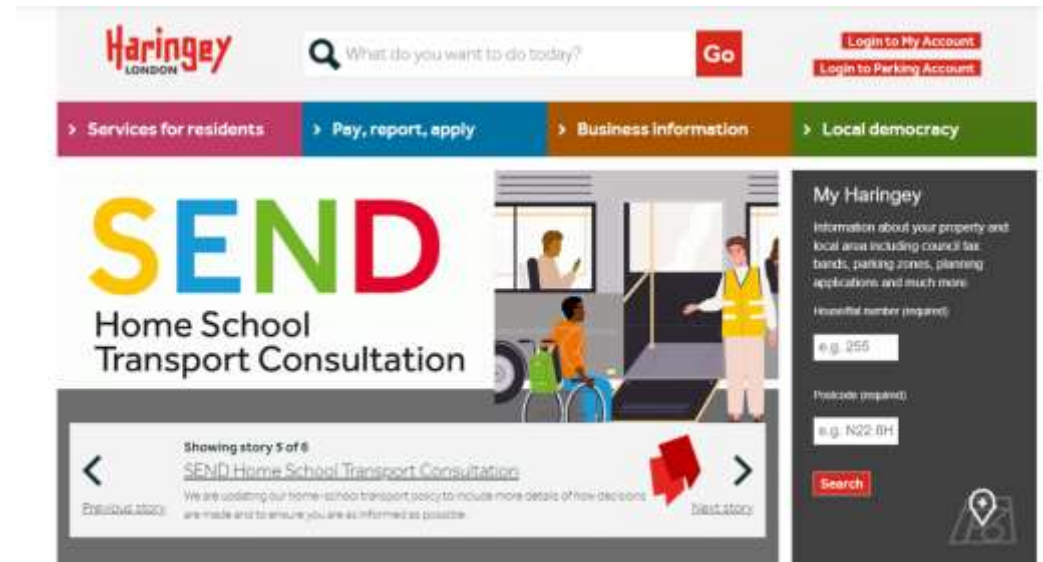
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# Responses to date (24 June)

## Total no of responses, breakdown of demographics:

- 58 responses
- Schoolteacher or other member of school staff - 0
- A parent or carer of a child or young person - 54
- Transport provider / escort - 1
- Young Person - 0
- Other – 3

## Gender:

- Female - 38
- Male - 15
- Non-binary - 0
- Transgender - 0
- Intersex - 0
- Prefer not to say - 3
- Other – 1

## Age group:

- Under 25 - 7
- 21 – 24 - 2
- 25 – 44 - 21
- 45 – 64 - 26
- 65 and over - 0

# Responses to date (24 June)

- Respondents mainly use Haringey SEND Transport service
- Respondents find the policy clear to how they may be eligible for travel assistance Yes - 33, No – 25
- Almost 50% of respondents find it clear about what journeys they are eligible for travel assistance.
- 60% of respondents find it clear how decisions are or will be made.
- The majority of respondents are happy with the move to encourage more environmentally friendly transport.
- 61% of respondents are happy with the proposed inclusion of behaviour contract in the policy.
- 47% of respondents are not sure if the policy supports and promotes young people to become independent travellers.
- Better communication is on the top of the list for what needs to be improved.

# Preparation for new academic year


- Procurement exercise underway (concluded by mid July)
- Schools will have preliminary routes as awarded by 1 July
- Open access sessions within special schools with parents and carers
- Trial runs to be conducted with new providers and service by mid August.
- Additional investment in SEND Transport Team to support capacity
- Mission software to support communication and tracking.

# Travel Assistance Policy Consultation ends 31 July 2022

[SEND Home School Transport Consultation | Haringey Council](#)

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<b>BRIEFING</b>	
<b>Report for:</b>	Children and Young People's Scrutiny Panel – 4 July 2022
<b>Title:</b>	Support for Afghan and Ukrainian Refugee Children
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Ann Graham 
<b>Author:</b>	Bev Hendricks
<b>Date:</b>	4 July 2022

## 1. Purpose

- 1.1 This report aims to provide an overview on the Council's support for refugee children & families in Haringey.

### Afghan Resettlement

- 1.2 The Government has been running a scheme to relocate Afghan former LES (locally employed staff) to the UK since 2013, but due to the conflict in Afghanistan and consequent risk to LES, the Afghan Relocation and Assistance Policy (ARAP) was launched in April 2021. ARAP is open to LES who have worked for the British Embassy, alongside British forces over the past 20 years, and their families.
- 1.3 The Government also announced the Afghan Citizens' Resettlement Scheme, to provide sanctuary to those fleeing the country.
- 1.4 Under both these schemes, the Local Authority is expected to provide support to families to resettle in their area. The support includes accommodation, advice with benefits, securing employment, cash support and registering with GP and school places.
- 1.5 Afghan families settled in the Haringey area have been supported by staff from the Council. The families have been welcomed upon arrival and staff have undertaken follow up visits to support them with GP registration, support with school applications, benefits application and linking them with Job Centre and

Faith groups. The families have also been linked to Welcome Hubs to access support from within the local community.

- 1.6 The No Recourse Public Fund (NRPF) team within Children Social Care have undertaken needs assessment for all the families resettled in Haringey to consider their needs and support provisions where required. Children and their families have been provided necessary support like finances and referrals to access counselling support. NRPF team has undertaken assessments with four families (15 Children) resettled in the area.
- 1.7 Children Social Care recognized that families faced significant difficulties while fleeing their home country and the experience may have had an impact on the children. Social workers undertaking assessments spend time with children using direct work tools to identify potential trauma that children may have suffered. Therapeutic support has been provided where required.
- 1.8 Haringey has three Welcome Hubs where refugees, migrants and people seeking asylum can access face to face support without referrals or appointments. The Welcome Hubs operate as a drop in, and each individual Hub has multiple professionals and volunteers to ensure residents can be supported with their finances, health, education, employment, ESOL and community integration.

## **2. Homes for Ukraine Scheme**

- 2.1 The Government announced the Homes for Ukraine scheme and Family Visa Scheme to support refugees fleeing war in Ukraine. Staff from the Council are supporting the refugees arriving from the Ukraine by working with our residents who have become sponsors, offering space in their homes, completing safeguarding checks/ assessments with sponsors, creating guidance documents for arriving Ukrainian residents. This support has extended to including:
  - guidance on life in our borough
  - practical advice on things like applying for a job or a school place,
  - offering resettlement support to families and individuals arriving from Ukraine through our Connected Communities service,
  - introducing newly arrived Ukrainians, and sponsor families, to our Welcome Hubs
  - administering payments to Ukrainian guests, and sponsor families.
- 2.2 Qualified staff in partnership with Housing, continue to carry out:
  - enhanced DBS checks
  - initial safeguarding checks through MASH
  - accommodation checks to ensure all children and their parent arrivals will be staying in safe and suitable accommodation.
- 2.3 Initial welfare check visits have been conducted by social workers and senior early help workers once families have arrived in the UK and moved in with their

hosts. As part of the involvement social workers are undertaking checks with partner agencies like Police, health and reviewing social service records to make sure there are no safeguarding issues. The social workers undertake direct work with the children to identify any potential trauma, ascertain family relationships. Social workers also speak to parents/carers to find out about any support that they would need around health, school registration, finances or employment search and provide information and advice. Social workers have also advocated for the families where the arrangements break down and the living conditions are no longer suitable to help identify suitable accommodation.

- 2.4 Social workers have also intervened where there was a need for some specific targeted intervention to be undertaken with guest/host family to address any potential safeguarding issues and to ensure that arrangement works smoothly.
- 2.5 All primary and secondary headteachers have received communication on how to register children arriving from Ukraine with their schools, following the usual admissions processes, as well as guidance on making MASH referrals for children and families who have not yet had contact with the Local Authority. School have also been given information on how to access support and guidance for children and families registering with them.
- 2.6 Families are being supported with making applications for school places. Schools have responded quickly to applications, with dozens of children having been offered places already, and many having started with warm welcomes from the school community.
- 2.7 Officers from Children Social Care and Connected Communities are providing mediation support to Ukrainian guests and their sponsors, where needed to prevent any breakdowns. Rematching process has also been started where the arrangements break down and the guests are no longer able to live with the initially identified sponsor.
- 2.8 Ukrainian Families have also been signed posted to the three Welcome Hubs.

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# Homes for Ukraine

June 2022

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Richard Hutton


Performance & Business intelligence

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# Homes for Ukraine – Haringey Demand

Number of People	Number of Sponsors	Number of Properties	Number of Visas Issued
530	265	259	161

Number of Families	Number of Families that have 1 visa or more issued
147	63

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## Homes for Ukraine – Age bands

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Under 5	38	9%
5 - 10 years old	53	<b>11%</b>
11 - 17 years old	60	<b>13%</b>
18 - 64 years old	367	<b>65%</b>
over 65	10	<b>2%</b>



# School year

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## School year group Sep 2022

Early Years (nursery)

**32**

Reception

**10**

Primary

**71**

Start Secondary

**10**

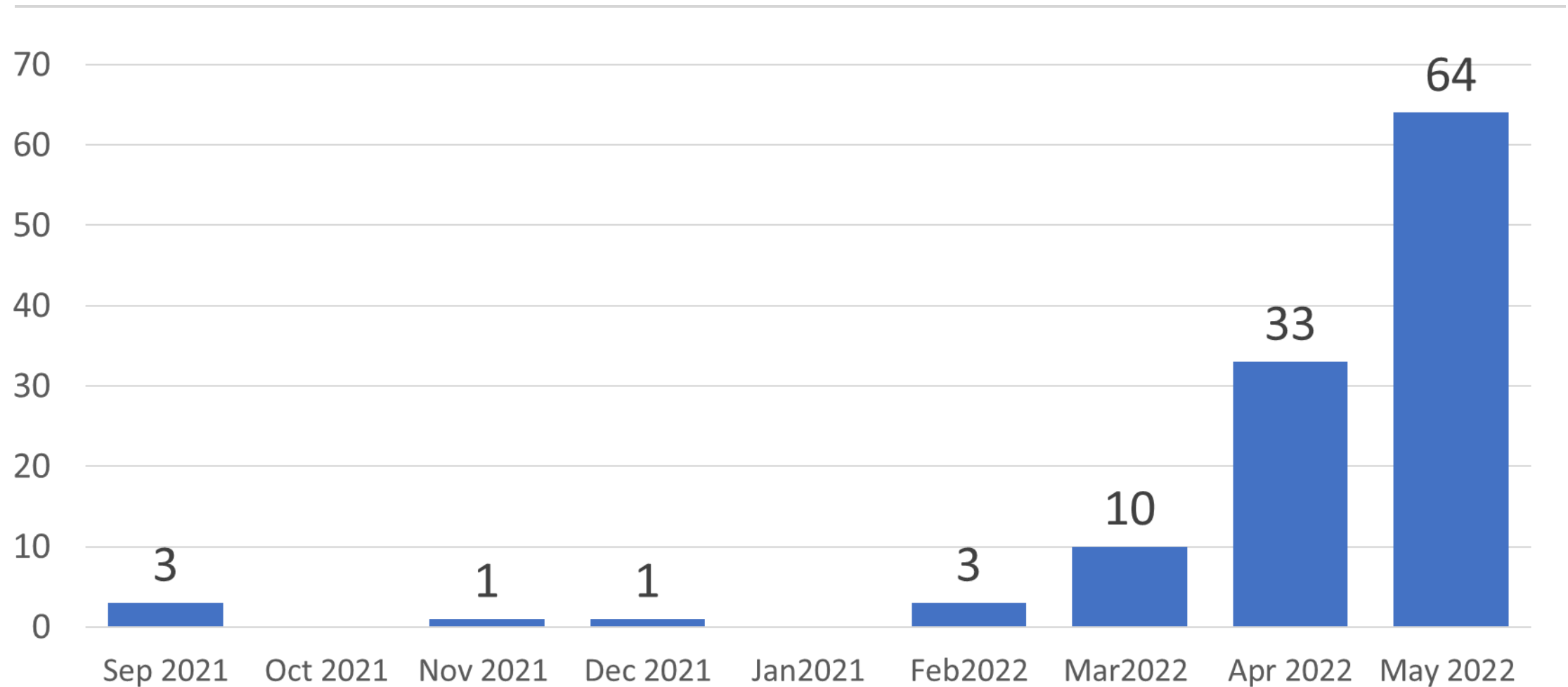
Secondary

**34**

Post 16 Further Education

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## Contacts To Mash for children of Ukrainian Ethnicity



NB: None from January – August 2021

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