

EXECUTIVE DECISION NOTICE

Date of Decision	23 October 2024
Decision Taker(s) Portfolio holder	Cllr Jon Andrews
Designation	Cabinet Member for Place Commissioned Services
Subject Matter	Amendment to existing School Crossing Patrol (SCP) policy in respect of sponsorship costs to ensure that all costs are met by the sponsor.
Decision	Authority is delegated to the Cabinet Member for Place Commissioned Services to amend Point 7 of the current SCP sponsorship policy.
Reason for the Decision	<p>Dorset Council provides a fully funded SCP service to communities where the school crossing meets policy criteria. For locations which do not meet criteria the communities have an option to sponsor a SCP.</p> <p>Presently, the policy requires sponsors to only cover the salary and associated on-costs including national insurance and pension scheme, where appropriate. It does not require the sponsor to meet the full costs including line management costs, equipment/uniform and where applicable maintenance of SCP patrol lights. This leaves Dorset Council open to a future uncontrolled financial risk.</p> <p>The update is required to document a new approach, which will prevent these additional costs being attributed to Dorset Council.</p> <p>Point 7 within the policy will be amended to state:</p> <p><i>Sponsorship funding will cover salary and associated on-costs including national insurance and pension scheme, where appropriate. Line management costs, including equipment/uniform and where applicable maintenance of School Crossing Patrol lights.</i></p>
Alternative Options considered and rejected	No alternatives.
Consultees	Jack Wiltshire, Head of Highways Kate Tunks, Service Manager

	Wayne Sayers, Transport Planning Team Leader Tony Burden, Road Safety Manager Rob Camp, Schools Road Safety Officer
Budget Implications	The indicative additional costs per sponsored site within this budget year are approx. £1400. A breakdown of these costs can be provided on request.
Legal Implications	Whilst Dorset Council adopts national guidelines for the delivery of the SCP service, there is no legal obligation to provide school crossing patrols, sponsored or otherwise.
Any Conflict of Interest?	None
Reference Documents	National School Crossing Patrol guidelines revised 2016. Appendix A Policy for the establishment, retention and sponsorship of School Crossing Patrol (SCP) sites that do not meet national criteria or that operate on formal pedestrian crossing facilities



Signed:

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