

Risks for post-16 LIF and FE Link students combined

Risk	Impact	Initial risk score (5 is high, 1 is low)			Proposed mitigation	Score following action to mitigate		
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1. Withdrawal of free transport for students from low income families and FE Link transport, may deter or prevent young people from continuing in post-16 education.	Negative impact on driving economic growth, in particular increasing the numbers of NEETs, and lowering educational aspirations for young people. Economic gains may not be worthwhile in a context of increased costs elsewhere.	5	4	20	Hardship fund to support the most needy LIF students in continuing in education, as well as highlighting other support, eg EFA bursaries. Rolling communications plan to reach young people approaching the transition in good time to allow sensible post-16 choices without the assumption that transport will be provided. Also encouraging colleges to improve transport for their own students through working in partnership to share transport provision or routes, e.g. Plumpton and Sussex Downs Lewes, Bexhill and Sussex Coast College.	4	3	12
2. Colleges with the most LIF students are adversely affected regarding the demand for bursary support	Demand for financial support outstrips resources.	3	3	6	5 East Sussex post-16 providers with high numbers of LIF students receive an appropriate share of the hardship fund and provision of guidance for administration.	2	2	4

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3. Reduction in enrolment numbers on certain courses.	Impact on the viability of some colleges and sixth form courses. Likely to be greater impact on Plumpton College given their cohort and their rural location.	3	3	9	We will monitor the impact of any changes in provision over time, with close monitoring of impact on Plumpton College in particular.	3	2	6