

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Environment and Transport
Date:	29 October 2018
Title:	Passenger Transport Review 2018
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1 That the Executive Member for Environment and Transport notes the outcome of the Passenger Transport Review.
- 1.2. That the strategy as detailed within this report for reducing the passenger transport budget be approved.
- 1.3. That approval be given to revise supported services in line with the detailed proposals set out in the report and appendices.
- 1.4. That approval be given to reduce the amount of printed material and make better use of electronic information.
- 1.5 That approval be given to discontinue offering the grants set out in 6.4 and 6.5 of the supporting report.
- 1.6. That approval be given to increase the charges to Wheels to Work users as set out in 6.6 of the supporting report
- 1.7. That approval be given to revise the discretionary discount for the older person's and disabled person's bus pass on Dial-a-Ride and Call and Go services from 50% to 25%.
- 1.8. That authority is delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment to take all necessary steps, including entering into contractual arrangements in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, and fulfilling procurement requirements, to implement the proposed changes to bus subsidies and passenger transport expenditure as set out in the supporting report.
- 1.9. That authority is delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment, in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment

and Transport, to make minor variations to the details of proposals on specific passenger transport services provided overall budget savings are maintained and changes are consistent with the approach set out in this report.

2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1 In February 2018, the County Council took the decision to protect the core funding which it provides to frontline community transport services (Dial-a-Ride, Call and Go, Minibus Group Hire and Wheels to Work Schemes) and to retain the largest proportion of funding available for the support of passenger transport services. So that provision can best match community priorities, changes in travel patterns, and available resources, the strategy for support has been reviewed. Extensive consultation and an Equalities Impact Assessment have been undertaken and discussion with service providers and funding partners has been carried out. A revised pattern of services has been developed to maintain essential access for the widest section of the community whilst reflecting the financial environment.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1 Do nothing. This would require savings to be made elsewhere, and would also result in area tenders not being renewed as they come up for renewal. In turn, this would prevent support from reflecting community priorities and would undermine the aim that all communities with a current transport service retain an essential transport link.
- 3.2 Retain existing levels of support for the best used services. This would leave other areas without essential access.

4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1 Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None
- 4.2 Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None

5 Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: none.

6 Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.

7 Statement from the Decision Maker:

I thank Lewis North, Cllr Rod Cooper and Cllr Jackie Porter for speaking at my

Decision Day and also Cllr Malcolm Wade for his comments regarding Hythe Ferry and I have considered all the points raised in making my decision.

Approved by:

Date:

29 October 2018

**Executive Member for Environment and Transport
Councillor Rob Humby**