

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Environment and Transport
Date:	14 November 2017
Title:	Publication of the Hampshire Concessionary Travel Scheme 2018-19
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Hampshire Concessionary Travel Scheme for 2018/2019 maintains the range of concessions currently provided, and that this forms the basis of the draft scheme published on 1 December 2017.
- 1.2. That non-automatic renewal of Older Person's Concessionary Passes which have not been used in the six months prior to their expiry shall continue to be the target for the 2018/19 Hampshire Concessionary Travel Scheme, but on request an Older Person will be issued with a pass for the 2018/19 Scheme.
- 1.3. That authority is delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment to make any variations to the final scheme from April 2018 that may be required, in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment and Transport.

2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1. Hampshire County Council is required by law to publish details of its draft Concessionary Travel Scheme for 2018/2019 by 1 December 2017. The current scheme includes a number of enhancements to the statutory scheme which date from the scheme's introduction in April 2011. This followed a detailed Equality Impact Assessment and consultation. The proposed scheme takes this into account. Limiting automatic renewal of older persons' passes to those which have been used in the previous twelve months will reduce the wastage of replacing passes which are no longer required. This does not affect eligibility, and passes not automatically replaced will be issued on request.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Offering the statutory scheme only. This was rejected as it would not reflect the Equalities Impact Assessment or consultation findings.
- 3.2. Extending the discretionary enhancements. This cannot be recommended in view of other budget pressures facing the council and the possible budget impact of operator appeals.
- 3.3. Retaining automatic renewal for all older persons' passes whether in use or not. It is proposed to end this process to achieve greater efficiency. Limiting automatic renewal of older persons' passes to those which have been used in the previous twelve months will not affect entitlement but will avoid the wastage of replacing those passes which are no longer required and the cost of those which are returned to the Council. Passes not automatically replaced will be issued on request.

4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:
- 4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

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:

Approved by: -----	Date: 14 November 2017
Executive Member for Environment and Transport Councillor Rob Humby	