

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Scrutiny Recommendation Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Environment
Date of Decision:	19 November 2010
Title:	Environment and Transportation Select Committee Recommendations regarding the 'Concessionary Fares' report
Reference:	2363
Report From:	Environment and Transportation Select Committee

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1 Contextual information

- 1.1. At the 5 October 2010 meeting of the Environment and Transportation Select Committee, members heard the emerging details of the Hampshire Concessionary Fares Scheme, together with the headline results of the consultation with stakeholders regarding the content of the Scheme. Based on the evidence heard, members resolved to hold an extraordinary meeting of the Select Committee in order to pre-scrutinise the Hampshire Concessionary Fares Scheme.
- 1.2. The Environment and Transportation Select Committee held an extraordinary meeting on 17 November 2010 and considered the 'Concessionary Fares' report.
- 1.3. The Committee received a deputation from Ms. Rebecca Kennelly of Basingstoke Voluntary Services, the content of which was noted and discussed by members.
- 1.4. A wide-ranging discussion was held on the options available to Hampshire County Council for the provision of the Concessionary Fares Scheme, including the possibilities of bus passes providing all day travel, the availability of travel tokens to all, and the use of railcards.
- 1.5. Members were aware that the funding to be received by Hampshire County Council for the provision of the Concessionary Fares Scheme had not yet been agreed by central government, but would be known in early 2011. The Committee heard that the approach suggested in paragraph 8.2 of the 'Concessionary Fares' report represented a precautionary approach in terms of funding, but provided a Scheme with met both the requirements under the English National Concessionary Travel Scheme, and responsibilities under the Equality Act 2010.

1.6. The Committee agreed that the Executive Member for Environment should consider revisiting the Hampshire Concessionary Fares Scheme once funding positions are finalised in order to ascertain if there was any scope for further extending the scheme .

2. Consideration

2.1. An amendment to the recommendations contained within the 'Concessionary Fares' report was proposed by Councillor Adam Carew and seconded by Councillor Rupert Kyrle. The amendment read:

'That the Environment and Transportation Select Committee recommend to the Executive Member for Environment that the additional enhancements of all day travel and tokens for areas not served by buses be included as part of the Hampshire Concessionary Fares Scheme.'

2.2 A recorded vote took place.

For: Cllr Adam Carew, Cllr Mark Cooper, Cllr Geoff Hockley,
Cllr Rupert Kyrle
Against: Cllr Ian Beagley, Cllr Edward Heron, Cllr Steve Rippon-Swaine,
Cllr Marilyn Tucker and Cllr Sharyn Wheale

The amendment was not carried.

2.2. A recorded vote took place on the recommendations (paragraphs 3.1 and 3.2 below).

For: Cllr Ian Beagley, Cllr Mark Cooper, Cllr Geoff Hockley,
Cllr Steve Rippon-Swaine, Cllr Marilyn Tucker and Cllr Sharyn
Wheale
Abstained: Cllr Adam Carew, Cllr Rupert Kyrle

Councillors Adam Carew and Rupert Kyrle wished it to be formally noted that they strongly agreed with recommendations B and C.

3. Recommendation(s)

3.1 The Committee made two recommendations in relation to the Executive Member for Environment's 'Concessionary Fares' Decision Report:

- A** That the Environment and Transportation Select Committee agrees with the recommendations as set out in paragraphs 8.1 – 8.5 of the Executive Member for Environment's 'Concessionary Fares' Decision Report.
- B** That the Executive Member for Environment writes to all Borough and District Councils in Hampshire to request that their Council offices provide an access point for Hampshire Concessionary Fare Scheme application forms.

3.2 Following discussions by the Committee on the financing of the 'Concessionary Fares' Scheme, a separate recommendation was made:

- C** That the Environment and Transportation Select Committee conduct a pre-scrutiny of any refreshed Hampshire 'Concessionary Fares' Scheme once the actual level of funding from central government is known.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Corporate Strategy**

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	no
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	
Maximising well-being:	yes
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	
Enhancing our quality of place:	yes
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Date</u>
Concessionary Fares Transition Arrangements	1866	19/11/2010
Concessionary Fares	2252	05/10/2010
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives		
<u>Title</u>		<u>Date</u>
Concessionary Bus Travel Act		2007

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

DocumentLocation

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equalities Impact Assessment:

- 1.1. A full EqIA was completed as part of the process for writing the Concessionary Fares Scheme. This can be found in Appendix 2 of the 'Concessionary Fares' report.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

- 2.1. N/A

3. Climate Change:

- a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

Maintaining journey opportunities by bus and other methods of public transport will result in fewer journeys made by private car.

- b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

The recommendations contained within the 'Concessionary Fares' report will have a significant positive effect on sustainable transport provision.