

**HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL****Executive Decision Record**

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member - Environment
<b>Date:</b>	19 November 2010
<b>Title:</b>	Concessionary Fares
<b>Reference:</b>	1866
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Environment

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**1. The decision:**

- a) That the approach set out in the report to establish a new Concessionary Fares scheme for Hampshire from April 2011 be approved.
- b) That Option 3 in section 3.28 of the supporting report, providing the statutory scheme plus selected additions to meet the needs of disabled users at a cost of £13.275 million per annum, be approved, on the basis of the County Council's present understanding of the likely available funding.
- c) That the additional enhancements most favoured in the public consultation, all day travel and tokens for areas not served by buses, be identified as priorities for consideration should sufficient funding be made available by Central Government to all the further enhancements of the Hampshire Concessionary Fares Scheme.
- d) That the Concessionary Fares Scheme be reviewed when the Government funding position and the County Council budget are finalised.
- e) That approval is given for the County Council to administer additional local concessions if district or borough councils request and fund these in full, including administration costs.

**2. Reasons for the decision:**

- 2.1. To meet responsibilities under the English National Concessionary Travel Scheme for the introduction of a Hampshire Concessionary Fares scheme from April 2011.
- 2.2. To meet responsibilities under the Equality Act 2010.
- 2.3. To ensure a seamless transfer of systems and continued high levels of customer care.
- 2.4. To provide the establishment of a fully costed and funded scheme.

2.5. To allow the commencement of new contracts providing the back office functions of reimbursement administration and pass production for the new scheme.

**3. Other options considered and rejected:**

3.1. To provide the basic statutory scheme only as to do so would leave the authority open to challenge under the Equality Act 2010. (Option 1)

3.2. To provide a mix and match approach for the statutory scheme plus county-wide optional extra discretions based on consultation priorities as the cost of this would be significantly in excess of the funding likely to be available. (Option 2)

3.3. To provide the statutory scheme plus the best district concessions currently provided across the County as the cost of this would be substantially in excess of the funding likely to be available. (Option 4)

**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 Standards Committee: none.**

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

**7. Statement from the Decision Maker:**

The Executive Member considered the views of the Environment and Transportation Select Committee, which had supported the recommendations put forward in the report and had agreed to conduct a pre-scrutiny of any refreshed Hampshire 'Concessionary Fares' Scheme once the level of funding from Central Government was known.

The Select Committee also proposed that the Executive Member write 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. The Executive Member agreed to look into this.

<b>Approved by:</b> ----- <b>Councillor M J Kendal</b> <b>Executive Member for Environment</b>	<b>Date:</b>  <b>19 November 2010</b>
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