

Equality Impact Assessment

Allocation of Local Bus Subsidy Support



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County Council

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Description of current service/policy

The purpose of the report is to seek approval for Hampshire County Council to submit a completed Statement of Intent form to the Department for Transport, in order to secure a payment of £709,912 in 2020/21 to fund additional supported local bus services.

Geographical impact: All Hampshire

Description of proposed change

The one-off payment of £709,912 represents Hampshire County Council's allocation from a national pot, but the funding can only be drawn down upon submission of a completed Statement of Intent form. The funding forms part of the Government's 'Better Deal for Bus Users' package of measures announced on 6th February 2020.

Impacts of the proposed change

This impact assessment covers Service users

Engagement and consultation

Has engagement or consultation been carried out? Yes

It is a condition of the funding that all Hampshire's Members of Parliament are consulted on the proposals and they are asked to indicate the extent to which the proposed approach meets their aspirations for the funding. This work is ongoing. Consultation is also ongoing with all County Councillors seeking their views on the

proposed approach. The County Council must also demonstrate engagement with the public either specifically for this fund, or through other recent work e.g. network reviews. Extensive public consultation was carried out as part of the 2018 Passenger Transport review which produced a very large number of responses and identified a clear set of priorities for the public.

Statutory considerations	Impact	Mitigation
Age: Neutral		
Disability: Neutral		
Sexual orientation: Neutral		
Race: Neutral		
Religion and belief: Neutral		
Gender reassignment: Neutral		
Gender: Neutral		
Marriage and civil partnership: Neutral		

Pregnancy and maternity: Neutral		
Other policy considerations	Impact	Mitigation
Poverty: Neutral		
Rurality: Neutral		

Neutrality statement (if all considerations have a neutral impact)

If secured, the proposed approach will provide for engagement with bus operators to ensure the most practicable and sustainable support for local bus services, which will benefit all Hampshire residents, including those with protected characteristics. Further consideration will be given to potential impacts when bids are invited and assessed to the proposed 'challenge fund'.

Any other information