

Equality Impact Assessment

Local Bus Contracts in Andover Winchester and New Forest



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Description of current service/policy

Provision of local bus services in Andover, plus the 95/96 in Winchester and 49 in New Forest.

Geographical impact: New Forest, Test Valley, Winchester

Description of proposed change

Changes to the local bus network in Andover in order to make better use of remaining developer contributions. Service 14 will be withdrawn as it duplicates commercial provision. The 95/96 bus service will be replaced by a taxishare service.

Impacts of the proposed change

This impact assessment covers Service users

Engagement and consultation

Has engagement or consultation been carried out? Yes

Extensive consultation was undertaken for the 2018 Passenger Transport Review which provided guiding principles when it comes to making changes to Local Bus Services. In addition, consultation with Councillor Porter and a number of parishes along the route of the 16 service was undertaken.

Statutory considerations	Impact	Mitigation
<p>Age: Low</p>	<p>Overall the local bus network will see some reductions in the level of service provided: some areas will see an increased level of service on some days and a decrease on others. On the strength of the overall reduction, a potentially low negative impact has been identified for people with disabilities, older and younger people, and for women, on the basis that people with these characteristics are more likely to use bus services. However, the overall effect of this decision will be to ensure a continuity of service within existing resources, and the revised service modes and patterns are designed to minimise the impact on all Hampshire residents, including those with protected characteristics.</p>	

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<p>Sexual orientation: Neutral</p>		
<p>Race: Neutral</p>		
<p>Religion and belief: Neutral</p>		
<p>Gender reassignment: Neutral</p>		

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<p>Marriage and civil partnership: Neutral</p>		
<p>Pregnancy and maternity: Neutral</p>		
<p>Other policy considerations</p>	<p>Impact</p>	<p>Mitigation</p>
<p>Poverty: Neutral</p>		

<p>Rurality: Low</p>	<p>Overall the local bus network will see some reductions in the level of service provided: some areas will see an increased level of service on some days and a decrease on others. On the strength of the overall reduction, a potentially low negative impact has been identified for people with disabilities, older and younger people, and for women, on the basis that people with these characteristics are more likely to use bus services. However, the overall effect of this decision will be to ensure a continuity of service within existing resources, and the revised service modes and patterns are designed to minimise the impact on all Hampshire residents, including those with protected characteristics.</p>	
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Neutrality statement (if all considerations have a neutral impact)

Any other information