

# Equality Impact Assessment



Hampshire  
County Council

## Bus Back Better - National Bus Strategy

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### Description of current service/policy

This report sets out the details of Hampshire County Council's proposed approach to the Government's National Bus Strategy. The consistent policy themes running through the National Bus Strategy are decarbonisation of transport and levelling up the economy. The Government has committed £3billion towards delivery this strategy.

Geographical impact: All  
Hampshire

### Description of proposed change

The purpose of this report is to set out Hampshire County Council's proposed approach to Bus Back Better - the Government's National Bus Strategy, launched in Spring 2021.

### Impacts of the proposed change

This impact assessment covers Service users

### Engagement and consultation

Has engagement or consultation been carried out? Yes

Initial engagement on the emerging LTP4 was undertaken which aimed to start a conversation with a wide a group of interested parties to help formulate a new transport strategy and plan for

Hampshire.

Thoughts, expertise and local knowledge were sought to help clarify the preferred priorities, vision and principles prior to further development and formal consultation.

The engagement period ran from 7 January to 28 February 2021 and a total of 805 responses were received at the time of analysis.

<b>Statutory considerations</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Mitigation</b>
<b>Age:</b> Positive	A high proportion of bus users are female and aged between 71-80 with a significant proportion falling in the 81-90 age range. The Strategy aim of a network of “more frequent, more reliable, easier to understand and use, and better co-ordinated” bus services would enable these people to access essential services and lead independent lives for longer within their own communities.	
<b>Disability:</b> Neutral		
<b>Sexual orientation:</b> Neutral		
<b>Race:</b> Neutral		
<b>Religion and belief:</b> Neutral		
<b>Gender reassignment:</b> Neutral		

<p><b>Gender:</b> Positive</p>	<p>A high proportion of bus users are female and aged between 71-80 with a significant proportion falling in the 81-90 age range. The Strategy aim of a network of “more frequent, more reliable, easier to understand and use, and better co-ordinated” bus services would enable these people to access essential services and lead independent lives for longer within their own communities.</p>	
<p><b>Marriage and civil partnership:</b> Neutral</p>		
<p><b>Pregnancy and maternity:</b> Neutral</p>		
<p><b>Other policy considerations</b></p>	<p><b>Impact</b></p>	<p><b>Mitigation</b></p>
<p><b>Poverty:</b> Neutral</p>		
<p><b>Rurality:</b> Neutral</p>		

**Neutrality statement (if all considerations have a neutral impact)**

**Any other information**