

Equality Impact Assessment



Hampshire
County Council

Passenger Transport Contracts and Concessionary Fares Payments

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Description of current service/policy

The County Council commissions local bus, taxi share and community transport services to deliver and support a network of passenger transport services across Hampshire. In addition to this, reimbursement payments are also made to operators for eligible journeys which people make on these services with a Concessionary Fares Bus Pass.

Geographical impact: All
Hampshire

Description of proposed change

This report proposes that the County Council extends the current policy of paying local bus and community transport operators for tendered services and concessionary fares at the funding levels provided before any downturn in service provision or patronage until 30 September 2021, in accordance with government guidance issued 13 January 2021 and ongoing messaging from the Department for Transport.

It also proposes extending the current policy of paying Taxishare operators (contract and concessionary travel payments) at 80% of the funding levels provided before any downturn in service provision or patronage until 30 September 2021 to provide continuity for the users of these services.

Impacts of the proposed change

This impact assessment covers Service users

Engagement and consultation

Has engagement or consultation been carried out? No

The proposals are consistent with the latest advice from the Department for Transport and have no adverse budgetary impacts on the County Council. By continuing to provide vital support to the bus industry and Community Transport sector at this time, the County Council is maintaining positive and productive partnership working between transport operators and Hampshire County Council.

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

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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)

Under the proposals in this report, contract and concessionary fares payments to operators are maintained until 30 September 2021 and therefore there will be no further impact upon those groups with protected characteristics.

Any other information