

You may be aware the Government has decided that responsibility for the English National Concessionary Travel Scheme for older people and people with disabilities should move from District Councils to County Councils from the 1 April 2011. The details of the new scheme are due to be agreed by the County Council in October 2010 and as part of this decision making process we would like to consult you on what the new scheme should consist of.

Since April 2008 those who have reached age 60 and eligible people with disabilities resident in England have been entitled to a free annual bus pass giving free travel on local buses between 0930 and 2300 and at any time at weekends. Many District Councils have provided different additional benefits in their own areas including tokens, companion passes and railcards, as well as allowing use of passes on community transport, ferry journeys and buses at other times of day. As a result, benefits vary from district to district which cannot be continued in a new countywide scheme, as they would not provide equal benefit to residents across Hampshire.

Funding levels from the Government for the new scheme are not known yet and are unlikely to be available until the end of this year, after we have decided upon which scheme to introduce. Depending on what level of funding is approved by Government, there is a large risk that the County Council will have to pick up some or all of the costs of the new scheme and so we need to consult on options which have to be affordable.

The Consultation Options are:

1. To provide the statutory English National Concessionary Travel Scheme only - free local bus travel between 09:30 and 23:00 (all times weekends & bank holidays) to people of eligible retirement age and eligible people with disabilities over 5 years of age
2. If sufficient funding is available what priorities should we consider as additional discretionary enhancements should your travel requirements not be met with a bus pass allowing free travel between 0930 and 2300 and at any time at weekends?

Additionally we would like to find out information on a number of other points:

- What is the best way to issue passes?
- What are your current travel habits?
- What is your background?

I would be interested in your views about potential implications and priorities as soon as possible or **by the end of August 2010 at the latest.**

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Individual or organisation name and contact details

Name:
Address:
Postcode:
Contact phone number or email:

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1. Comments on providing the statutory English National Concessionary Travel Scheme only

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2. If sufficient funding is available what priorities should we consider as additional discretionary enhancements should your travel requirements not be met with a bus pass allowing free travel between 0930 and 2300 and at any time at weekends?"

Please put your preference in priority order below and outline the travel need it is trying to address (i.e I have no access to bus services, or I need to travel before 0900 etc)

Priority 1:

Priority 2:

Priority 3:

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What is the best way to apply for and issue passes in future?

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Where do you go for the following services and how do you travel there?

	Where do you travel to for this service?	How do you get there? E.g. own car, lift from friends or family, train, bus, taxi, walk, cycle.	How often do you travel there?
Hospital			
Doctors			
Dentist			
Food shopping			
Social trips			
School/College			
Work			
Post Office			
Library			
Other:			

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Are there any journeys that you would like to make but are currently unable to, owing to a lack of transport?

Destination you would like to travel to	Why do you want to travel to this destination? E.g. health, shopping, leisure	How often would you like to travel? E.g. daily, twice a week

Do you have any general comments on the provision of transport services in your area?

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Monitoring form

Data Protection Act 1998

To monitor the effectiveness of this consultation and help us complete our Equalities Impact Assessment on the proposed changes we need to record certain personal details about the people who respond. It is for this reason ONLY that you are asked to provide the information below which will be treated in the strictest confidence and used only for statistical purposes. We asking for this information in order to ensure that as many people as possible have a say.

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The completion of this part of the form is purely voluntary and optional

Are you? Male Female

What is your age

How would you best describe your ethnic origin?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> White – British / Irish | <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed | <input type="checkbox"/> Black |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian | <input type="checkbox"/> White – Eastern European | <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White – Rest of World | <input type="checkbox"/> White – Western European | |

The Disability Discrimination Act (1995) defines a disabled person as “a person who has or has had in the past a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long term adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities”

Under this definition, do you consider yourself to be disabled? Yes No

What is your sexual orientation?

What is your faith background?

Please complete and return this form by **31 August 2010 in hard copy or electronically** to the address below.

For further information or if you need any help in completing this form please contact Mark Miller, Concessionary Fares Project Manager, Passenger Transport, Environment, Hampshire County Council, The Castle, Winchester, Hampshire, SO23 8UD
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Thank you for taking part in this consultation.