

# HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
<b>Date:</b>	12 November 2019
<b>Title:</b>	Publication of the Concessionary Travel Scheme 2020-2021
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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### 1. The decision:

- 1.1 That approval be given to provide the range of concessions detailed within this report for the Hampshire Concessionary Travel Scheme for 2020/2021 and that this forms the basis of the draft scheme to be published on 1 December 2019.
- 1.2 That non-automatic renewal of older person's concessionary bus passes which have not been used in the 12 months prior to their renewal shall now be confirmed as County Council policy, but that on request an eligible older person will be issued with a pass.
- 1.3 That authority is delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment, in consultation with the Executive Member for Economy, Transport, and Environment, to make minor variations to the final Scheme as may be required, and to implement the Scheme including making any necessary contractual and financial arrangements such as re-imbusement payments to operators.

### 2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1. Hampshire County Council is required by law to publish details of its draft Concessionary Travel Scheme for 2020/2021 ("the Scheme") by 1 December 2019. The proposed Scheme includes a number of enhancements to the statutory scheme which date from the Scheme's introduction in April 2011. This followed a detailed Equality Impact Assessment and consultation. The proposed scheme includes a number of discretionary enhanced concessions as set out in this report.
- 2.2. Limiting automatic renewal of older persons' passes to those which have been used in the previous 12 months reduces the wastage of replacing passes which are no longer required. This does not affect eligibility, and passes not automatically replaced will be issued on request.

**3. Other options considered and rejected:**

- 3.1. Offering the statutory scheme only: this was rejected as it would not reflect the specific requirements of Hampshire residents.
- 3.2. Extending the range of discretionary enhancements: this cannot be recommended in view of other budget pressures facing the County Council and the possible budget impact of operator appeals.
- 3.3. Retaining automatic renewal for all older persons' passes whether in use or not. Limiting automatic renewal of older persons' passes to those which have been used in the previous twelve months does not affect entitlement but avoids the wastage of replacing those passes which are no longer required and the cost of those which are returned to the Council. Passes not automatically replaced will be issued on request.

**4. Conflicts of interest:**

- 4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None.
- 4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None.

**5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: none.**

**6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.**

**7. Statement from the Decision Maker:**

**Approved by:**

**Date:**

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**12 November 2019**

**Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment  
Councillor Rob Humby**