

# Equality Impact Assessment

Name of project/proposal T19 - E11 Concessionary Fares  
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## **Description of Service / Policy**

This service involves the administration of the Hampshire Concessionary Fares scheme for public transport, affecting predominantly older people and those with disabilities.  
Geographical impact\* All Hampshire

## **Description of proposed change**

The proposal is to capitalise upon changes in contract arrangements, national trends, and opportunities to reduce Council investment in the service or, subject to changes in the law, to introduce nominal charges to realise efficiencies and savings. Impacts upon service users should be minimal as they revolve around making more efficient use of existing budgets to reflect changing user trends. If, subject to legal changes, the County Council were to introduce a nominal charge, then there would be an impact upon some service users who would be obliged to make a small financial contribution to their journeys.

## **Engagement and consultation**

Has engagement or consultation been carried out? No

No specific consultation has been carried out on this proposal, however, the County Council carried out a major public consultation exercise over the Summer 2017 on a range of options for finding further budget savings including increasing council tax, using reserves and making changes to the way in which services are delivered, which may mean reducing or withdrawing certain services. The outcome of this consultation will be presented to Cabinet in October 2017.

When decisions are made to pursue the options, further specific consultation will be carried out with stakeholders on the detailed options where required.

## **Impacts of the proposed change**

This impact assessment covers Service users

### **Statutory considerations**

<b>Statutory considerations</b>	<b>Impact</b>
Age	Neutral
Disability	Neutral
Sexual Orientation	Neutral
Race	Neutral
Religion and Belief	Neutral

Gender Reassignment      Neutral

Gender                      Neutral

Marriage and civil  
partnership                Neutral

Pregnancy and  
Maternity                 Neutral

**Other policy considerations**

Poverty                     Neutral

Rurality                    Neutral

Neutrality Statement      Disproportionate impacts upon people with protected characteristics are not anticipated as part of current plans. When proposals are further developed, further assessment will take place prior to any executive decision to implement them. Should new legislation make it possible to introduce charges, and a proposal be developed to pursue this option, further impact assessments will scope the likely effect of such charges on people with protected characteristics.

***Additional Information***