

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Highways Operations
Date:	18 November 2021
Title:	Publication of the Concessionary Travel Scheme 2022-2023
Report From:	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 the supporting report for the Hampshire Concessionary Travel Scheme for 2022/2023 and that this forms the basis of the draft scheme to be published on 1 December 2021.
- 1.2. That authority is delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment, in consultation with the Executive Member for Highways Operations, to make minor variations to the final Scheme as may be required, and to implement the Scheme.
- 1.3. That a temporary change to the automatic renewal of Older Person's Concessionary Bus Passes from 12 months to 24 months as part of the Council's Covid-19 response measures be removed from 1 April 2022.
- 1.4. As part of the recovery from Covid-19, that Authority is delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment, in consultation with the Executive Member for Highways Operations, to make changes to the scheme as advised by the Department for Transport.

2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1. Hampshire County Council is required by law to publish details of its draft Concessionary Travel Scheme for 2022/2023 ("the Scheme") by 1 December 2021. 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.

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.

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

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:

18 November 2021

**Executive Member for Highways Operations
Councillor Russell Oppenheimer**