

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A KEY DECISION CABINET

ITEM:	PASSENGER TRANSPORT REVIEW
Members Present:	Councillors: AW Johnson (Leader), H Bramer, D Harlow, J Lester, PM Morgan (Deputy Leader), PD Price, P Rone, N Shaw.
Date of Decision:	6 April 2017
Exempt:	No
Confidential	No
<p>This is a key decision because it is likely to result in the council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the council's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates.</p> <p>and</p> <p>This is a key decision because it is likely to be significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising one or more wards in the county.</p>	
<p>A notice was served in accordance with Part 3, Section 9 (Publicity in connection with key decisions) of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.</p>	
Urgency/Special Urgency: (As defined in Constitution)	No
Purpose:	To agree changes to passenger transport services.
Decision:	<p>THAT:</p> <p>a. the approach required to ensure delivery of the savings of £740k, in accordance with the medium term financial strategy for the period 2017-18 to 2019-20 and service improvements for passenger transport, set out in this report at paragraph 15, be agreed;</p> <p>b. cabinet formally requests central government to review the English national concessionary travel scheme to seek further financial support for Herefordshire or allow greater local flexibility in how the scheme operates to ensure resources are targeted at maintaining access for all; and</p> <p>c. that dedicated support is made available to work with parish councils and community groups to develop local solutions to transport problems in rural areas of the county.</p>
Reasons for the Decision:	To ensure that the council manages its passenger transport services effectively and within budgetary constraints whilst exploring and implementing opportunities to improve services and maintain access within the county.
Options Considered:	Public consultation indicated relatively lower priority for subsidising town bus services and market day services. Whilst subsidy may be withdrawn for these services without directly

	<p>impacting the adopted 'core bus network' policy this is not recommended as it is considered that the savings required from the medium term financial strategy can be delivered through ongoing contracting efficiencies and management of existing services in accordance with adopted policy, minimising the impacts on service users.</p> <p>Cabinet may not wish to lobby government to consider changes to the English national concessionary travel scheme (ENCTS). This is not recommended as a majority of the respondents to the public consultation (most of whom identified themselves as bus users) considered this appropriate in the context that it would enable resources to be targeted on maintaining bus services.</p>
<p>Conflict of Interest ■ (See below):</p>	
<p>Date the key decision is due to take effect:</p>	<p>12 April 2017</p>

<p>COUNCILLOR A W JOHNSONDate: 6 April 2017 LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</p>
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- a record of any conflict of interest declared by any executive member who is consulted by the member which relates to the decision;

And

- in respect of any declared conflict of interest, a note of dispensation granted by the relevant local authority's head of paid service.