

<i>Enquiries to</i>	Community Transport and Contracts Team		
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<i>Date</i>	12 June 2018	<i>Email</i>	environment.bus.review@hants.gov.uk

Dear Colleague,

I am writing to advise you that as part of our agreed Transformation to 2019 programme we have launched a public consultation in relation to street lighting, supported passenger transport services and the concessionary travel scheme.

This more detailed consultation follows on from the main Serving Hampshire – Balancing the Budget consultation carried out last year and seeks views from interested parties and the wider public on the options for delivering the planned savings in respect of the services mentioned above.

The consultation closes at midnight on 5 August 2018. The questionnaire which we are using during the consultation process can either be completed online or is available for download on the consultation website: www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/publictransportandstreetlighting, along with other supporting information.

With 89% of bus journeys being provided on a commercial basis, not controlled or funded by the County Council, most public bus services will be outside the scope of this review. This consultation, therefore, only includes those public bus services which receive financial support from Hampshire County Council. We also recognise that some district councils additionally provide funding to subsidised public transport services in their area. These arrangements are of course outside the scope of our consultation relating to County Council funding.

A list of the public bus and ferry services subsidised by Hampshire County Council, which are within the scope of this review, is available on the consultation website.

The County Council has taken the decision to protect the core funding which it provides to frontline community transport services (Dial-a-Ride, Call and Go and Minibus Group Hire Schemes) whilst at the same time wanting to look at how these services can be made more financially sustainable for the future.

It is worth noting that our policy remains; that any community which currently has a transport service should still retain an essential transport link in the future.

We would very much welcome support from your organisation for this consultation exercise to ensure that as many people and organisations as possible are aware of how they can take part. We would obviously be pleased to receive a response from your organisation as part of the process.

If you require any further information about the above then please contact environment.bus.review@hants.gov.uk or Telephone 01962 846785.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Peter Shelley', with some scribbles and a small mark at the end.

Peter Shelley
Head of Passenger Transport