



Consultation

on proposed changes to
concessionary travel

Have your say

We want your views on the proposed changes. We're asking you to read our summary below, and then complete a feedback form.

For more information, get in touch – our contact details are on the last page.

We're listening



Budget pressures



We will consider reducing expenditure on concessionary travel each year by



£270,000

Leicestershire County Council is facing a number of challenges. The funding we receive from national Government is reducing. At the same time demand for services, such as care for older people and waste disposal, is expected to go up.

We also have to deal with the impact of schools locally moving to academy status and coming out of council control. Because the Government will transfer funding from the council's budget to support the new academies, we have to deal with this additional implication of losing further significant funding. All of this means we have to save more.

We are now looking at how we can achieve additional savings. In making decisions, we must target our resources at those with the greatest need. We will be undertaking an Equalities Impact Assessment on these proposals.

About concessionary travel

The English National Concessionary Travel Scheme entitles both qualifying older residents and disabled residents to free travel on local bus services between 9.30am and 11.00pm Monday to Friday and at any time at weekends and bank holidays.

Your views

Leicestershire County Council currently offers the following **additional** concessions:

Free travel for disabled people before 9.30am and after 11.00pm on Monday to Friday

Free travel after 11.00pm on Monday to Friday for older people.

Vouchers, worth £33 per year, for disabled people who cannot use conventional bus services and for older people who live over 800 metres from an hourly bus.

Half fare on Community Transport services (such as dial-a-ride and social car schemes).

Around 120,000 residents hold an older person's bus pass, and a further 8,500 hold a disabled person's bus pass.

The council is considering the withdrawal of these extra elements of the Leicestershire concessionary travel scheme.

Last year we carried out a consultation about withdrawing those parts of the concessionary travel scheme that we currently provide on a discretionary basis, over and above the minimum requirement to provide the English National Concessionary Travel Scheme, but decided not to make any changes at that time.

Because of the increasingly difficult financial situation, we are now considering again whether we should discontinue the scheme's discretionary elements, to contribute to the council's overall saving requirements, and are asking for your views on these proposals. This would reduce expenditure on concessionary travel by £270,000 per year.



Have your say

We would like to take into account the views of residents and partners in developing our final proposals.

Deadline for responses:
Sunday 30th June 2013.

To request a hard copy of the form:

Tel **0116 305 0002** or email
passengertransport@leics.gov.uk

What happens next?

Following the consultation period, responses to the survey will be considered by the Cabinet on 9th July 2013.

The outcomes of the consultation will be published on the website in July 2013.

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