

Transport, Environment and Community Safety Scrutiny Panel Scoping Document

A review into the accessibility of the transport network within Portsmouth.

1. Background

This topic was agreed by the Scrutiny Management Panel on 18 September 2019 for this municipal year.

2. Objectives of the inquiry.

The ease with which individuals can 'get around' has a significant impact on their life chances, health and wellbeing. At an economic level, it is essential to productivity and sustainable growth.

This study will investigate the overall physical accessibility of the transport network in Portsmouth for users of reduced mobility, covering the following elements:

Public Transport

- Bus Service
- Rail Network

Private Hire Vehicles and Hackney Carriages

Highway Network

- Walking Networks
- Cycling Networks

Road works

Evidence

The TECS Scrutiny Panel will draw on evidence from a range of sources including:

- Portsmouth Disability Forum
- Cycle Forum
- Portsmouth Friends of the Earth
- Routes 4U App
- Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan.
- Euan's Guide (an online service that empowers disabled people by providing information that will give them confidence and choices for getting out and about).
- Ensign.
- Age UK
- Dementia Awareness
- Near Miss Data

Outcomes

The review will:

- Provide an assessment of the current level of accessibility.
- Indicate areas where improvements are required.
- Make recommendations on future focus.