

Form name	Integrated Impact Assessment
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Policy details

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Directorate	PCC Regeneration
Service	Transport Planning
Title of policy, service, function	Concessionary fares reimbursement to operators 2024/25
Type of policy, service, function	Existing
What is the aim of your policy, service, function, project or strategy?	Under the terms of the Concessionary Travel Act 2007, and the Mandatory Travel Concession (England) Regulations 2011, Portsmouth City Council administers the English National Concessionary Travel Scheme for residents of the city. The scheme comprises a pass allowing free travel on local buses for journeys starting within Portsmouth for eligible residents on grounds of age or disability. Bus operators are reimbursed on a 'no better now worse' basis for the loss of revenue forgone according to the number of journeys made, the average adult fare and specific additional costs incurred. This follows the terms of the Act and Department for Transport guidance and managed on behalf of the Council by specialist consultants contracted by the authority.
Has any consultation been undertaken for this proposal?	yes
What were the outcomes of the consultations?	There has been consultation with the bus companies as outlined in the DfT guidance for the Concessionary Fares reimbursement.
Has anything changed because of the consultation?	no
Did this inform your proposal?	yes

Please provide details	We understood the operators position on the reimbursement scheme.
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Equality & diversity - will it have any positive/negative impacts on the protected characteristics?

With the above in mind and following data analysis, who is the policy, service, function, project or strategy going to benefit or have a detrimental effect on and how?	The concessionary fare scheme has positive impact on eligible concessionary pass holders which include protected characteristics of age and disability.
Will any of those groups be affected in a different way to others because of your policy, project, service, function, or strategy?	Concessionary fare scheme is available to applicants based on age or disability eligibility.
If you are directly or indirectly discriminating, how are you going to mitigate the negative impact?	We follow national eligibility criteria.
Who have you consulted with or are planning to consult with and what was/will be your consultation methodology?	We are not changing the national eligibility criteria we follow.
How are you going to review the policy, service, project or strategy, how often and who will be responsible?	Monitor annual pass uptake and reimbursements.

Crime - Will it make our city safer?

This section is not applicable to my policy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Housing - will it provide good quality homes?

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Health - will this help promote healthy, safe and independent living?

Please expand on the impact your policy/proposal will have, and how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts?	The provision of a concessionary fares scheme allows residents that meet the entitlement criteria to have access to sustainable modes of travel, and provide access to essential services and facilities. enabling elderly and disabled people, especially those also on low incomes, to continue to use public transport and to use it more often, improving their access to a range of basic necessities such as health care and shops and reducing social isolation. Achieving social inclusion benefits for older and disabled people by allowing greater freedom to travel, for free, by local bus. This will see benefit to improved mental health and quality of life.
How are you going to measure/check the impact of your proposal?	The public transport team will monitor the number of bus journeys undertaken starting in the city using concessionary passes, along with the number of pass holders.

Income deprivation and poverty - will it consider income deprivation and reduce poverty?

Please expand on the impact your policy/proposal will have, and how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts?	Concessionary travel allows older and disabled people (especially those on low incomes) improved access to services, Providing greater freedom to access shops, services and amenities, work, freedom to access healthcare (particularly with the hospital appointment element to the scheme) and freedom to visit family and friends.
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How are you going to measure/check the impact of your proposal?	Passenger numbers of concessions on the bus services within Portsmouth along with numbers of pass holders.
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Carbon emissions - will it reduce carbon emissions?

Please expand on the impact your policy/proposal will have, and how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts?	Concessionary pass schemes, promotes bus travel which supports reduction in carbon emissions over private car use.
How are you going to measure/check the impact of your proposal?	Number of bus trips made by concessionary pass holders.

Energy use - will it reduce energy use?

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Climate change mitigation and flooding - will it proactively mitigate against a changing climate and flooding?

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Natural environment - will it ensure public spaces are greener, more sustainable and well-maintained?

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Air quality - will it improve air quality?

Please expand on the impact your policy/proposal will have, and how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts?	Concessionary pass scheme promotes bus travel which can support in reducing private motor vehicle traffic in the city and in turn support cleaner air.
How are you going to measure/check the impact of your proposal?	Number of concessionary pass trips made.

Transport - will it make transport more sustainable and safer for the whole community?

Please expand on the impact your policy/proposal will have, and how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts?	Concessionary pass scheme promotes bus travel.
How are you going to measure/check the impact of your proposal?	Number of bus trips made by concessionary pass holders.

Waste management - will it increase recycling and reduce the production of waste?

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Culture and heritage - will it promote, protect and enhance our culture and heritage?

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Employment and opportunities - will it promote the development of a skilled workforce?

Please expand on the impact your policy/proposal will have, and how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts?	Concessionary pass scheme can support travel to employment and training for some.
How are you going to measure/check the impact of your proposal?	Uptake of concessionary passes and number of trips made using concessionary passes.

Economy - will it encourage businesses to invest in the city, support sustainable growth and regeneration?

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Social value

This section is not applicable to my policy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Involvement

Who was involved in the Integrated impact assessment?	Hayley Chivers, Simon Bell
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Name of the person completing this form	Hayley Chivers
Date of completion	2024-01-22