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Policy details

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Directorate	PCC Economy Transport and Planning
Service	Public Transport
Title of policy, service, function	Portsmouth Enhanced Partnership - Forward Plan
Type of policy, service, function	Changed
What is the aim of your policy, service, function, project or strategy?	To increase use of local buses by making them more attractive, more affordable and more reliable and thereby improve health and wellbeing, air quality and access to employment, education and training, day to day and leisure activities.
Has any consultation been undertaken for this proposal?	yes
What were the outcomes of the consultations?	Resident and service user priority was for a reliable bus service running at more times of day with affordable fares.
Has anything changed because of the consultation?	yes
Please provide details	The Forward Plan sees the introduction of more frequent journeys on key routes with more evening and weekend journeys with further introduction of new tickets.
Did this inform your proposal?	yes
Please provide details	Improved timetables from March April 2025

Equality & diversity - will it have any positive/negative impacts on the protected characteristics?

<p>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?</p>	<p>More frequent bus services or those running at more times of the day with more affordable fares offer benefits to all but in particular to those without access to a car - car ownership is below the national average in Portsmouth but in particular amongst older residents and teenagers, females and those on low income.</p>
<p>Will any of those groups be affected in a different way to others because of your policy, project, service, function, or strategy?</p>	<p>The policy will benefit all, both users and other residents, through improvements to congestion, air quality and health impacts. It will offer increased mobility to those without access to a car or on limited income</p>
<p>If you are directly or indirectly discriminating, how are you going to mitigate the negative impact?</p>	<p>The policy does not directly or indirectly discriminate against any individual or group.</p>
<p>Who have you consulted with or are planning to consult with and what was/will be your consultation methodology?</p>	<p>An initial, predominantly online, residents' survey promoted by email, telephone, social media and press release which produced a response from 1,100 residents and 32 businesses. the 2023 door to door Travel Survey through a special edition of the PCC residents' magazine which produced 700 responses and ongoing passenger and on street survey through national organisation Transport Focus which so far this year has had 580 responses.</p>
<p>How are you going to review the policy, service, project or strategy, how often and who will be responsible?</p>	<p>By monitoring take up of additional services and facilities.</p>

Crime - Will it make our city safer?

<p>Please expand on the impact your policy/proposal will have, and how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts?</p>	<p>Improved public transport enhances life chances and opportunities through better access to employment, education and training.</p>
<p>How are you going to measure/check the impact of your proposal?</p>	<p>By monitoring take up of additional services and facilities.</p>

Housing - will it provide good quality homes?

<p>This section is not applicable to my policy</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
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Health - will this help promote healthy, safe and independent living?

<p>Please expand on the impact your policy/proposal will have, and how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts?</p>	<p>Improved bus services increase the opportunity to take part in social and community activities which will improve mental health. Greater use of public transport will improve air quality and reduce congestion, pollution and noise. Most bus journeys involve walking at either end of the journey which has its own health benefits.</p>
<p>How are you going to measure/check the impact of your proposal?</p>	<p>By monitoring take up of additional services and facilities and reaching out across the Council for other data sources.</p>

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

<p>Please expand on the impact your policy/proposal will have, and how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts?</p>	<p>Improved bus services and more affordable fares will improve access to employment, education and training and access to shops providing healthy food choices. Low income households are less likely to have access to a car and lone parents are predominantly female. Females historically are less likely to have driving licences. Good public transport improves access to the range of community facilities which provide support for those experiencing disadvantage.</p>
<p>How are you going to measure/check the impact of your proposal?</p>	<p>By reaching across the Council and out to support groups to understand their aspirations and how any unmet needs can be met. By monitoring usage of bus services and ticket facilities.</p>

Carbon emissions - will it reduce carbon emissions?

<p>Please expand on the impact your policy/proposal will have, and how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts?</p>	<p>Modern buses are cleaner than most cars. All Portsmouth buses meet the latest Euro 6 diesel standards and from March 2024, 62 zero emission electric buses will be in service in the Portsmouth city region replacing a similar number of diesel buses and using REGO certified electricity. Each bus can replace up to 50 cars so freeing up road space for active travel and reducing congestion thereby improving air quality. Improved bus services and more affordable fares will reduce the need for car use in Portsmouth.</p>
<p>How are you going to measure/check the impact of your proposal?</p>	<p>By monitoring use of bus services and journey times which measure the impact of congestion. Air quality is monitored through a separate programme.</p>

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?

<p>Please expand on the impact your policy/proposal will have, and how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts?</p>	<p>Improved bus services using cleaner buses reduce the need for private car use, reduce congestion and pollutants which mitigate climate risks. 62 new zero emission electric buses from March 2024, using REGO certified electricity will further improve benefits.</p>
<p>How are you going to measure/check the impact of your proposal?</p>	<p>By monitoring use of bus services and journey times which measure the impact of congestion. Air quality is monitored through a separate programme.</p>

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

<p>Please expand on the impact your policy/proposal will have, and how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts?</p>	<p>Improved bus services reduce the need for private car use with an improvement in air quality and reduction in tailpipe emissions which will support a healthier environment for wildlife. A parallel programme will see 15 living roof bus shelters introduced in Portsmouth from early 2024.</p>
<p>How are you going to measure/check the impact of your proposal?</p>	<p>By monitoring use of bus services and journey times which measure the impact of congestion. Air quality is monitored through a separate programme.</p>

Air quality - will it improve air quality?

<p>Please expand on the impact your policy/proposal will have, and how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts?</p>	<p>This policy promotes greater bus use through improved services and more affordable fares. Modern buses are cleaner than most cars. All Portsmouth buses meet the latest Euro 6 diesel standards and from March 2024, 62 zero emission electric buses will be in service in the Portsmouth city region replacing a similar number of diesel buses and using REGO certified electricity. Each bus can replace up to 50 cars so freeing up road space for active travel and reducing congestion thereby improving air quality. Improved bus services and more affordable fares will reduce the need for car use in Portsmouth</p>
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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?	The BSIP programme includes measures to improve active travel and bus journeys including segregation and priority where feasible. For bus users, the waiting environment will be upgraded to improve accessibility, safety and comfort. Increasing the frequency of the busiest bus services and improving the evening and Sunday service will encourage greater bus use, reducing dependence on the car and thereby congestion. Each bus can replace up to 50 cars and from March 2024, 62 new zero emission electric buses will enter service in the Portsmouth city region. Car ownership is lower in the older and younger age groups and those with low income. Improved bus services increase personal independence and access to daily activities. All buses now have a wheelchair space, priority seating and improved handrails. More affordable fares include discounts for those under 19 while Tap on Tap off, now available on First Solent services, allows passengers with bank cards or smart devices to travel easily without needing to know the fare or commit to period tickets in advance yet be sure of the best value fare.
How are you going to measure/check the impact of your proposal?	By monitoring use of bus services and journey times which measure the impact of congestion. Air quality is monitored through a separate programme. By monitoring the popularity of the different service enhancements and fares offers.

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?

<p>Please expand on the impact your policy/proposal will have, and how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts?</p>	<p>Improved bus services and more attractive fares will improve access to leisure and cultural activities. Reduced use of the private car will reduce congestion and pollution improving the environment and sense of place whilst reducing detrimental effects on our built heritage. The benefits to health and wellbeing will improve the quality of life for residents and encourage visitors to stay longer and return more frequently.</p>
<p>How are you going to measure/check the impact of your proposal?</p>	<p>By monitoring bus passenger numbers and liaising with other parts of the Council on visitor numbers and attraction admissions.</p>

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

<p>Please expand on the impact your policy/proposal will have, and how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts?</p>	<p>Improved bus services and cheaper fares for those under 19 will improve access to employment, education and training. The 62 new zero emission electric buses entering service from March 2024 and the wider BSIP programme has encouraged local bus operator First Solent to establish a new -electric-ready bus depot and regional headquarters at Hilsea. This will provide new employment opportunities for local staff and skills training in operating and maintaining the latest electric commercial vehicles. the new skilled jobs will improve earnings opportunities.</p>
<p>How are you going to measure/check the impact of your proposal?</p>	<p>We will monitor the introduction of additional services, the electric buses and the new depot and headquarters, the number of passenger journeys being made and journey time lengths as a measure of congestion. We will rely on other Council departments for data on employment levels and earnings.</p>

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

<p>Please expand on the impact your policy/proposal will have, and how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts?</p>	<p>Increased bus use and shorter journey times will increase the employment opportunities and available workforce within a given travel time. It will also directly increase direct employment in providing the service and increase the number of customer opportunities for the retail and hospitality sectors. The introduction of 62 zero emission electric buses from March 2024 will increase new skills and training opportunities. The BSIP programme has given confidence to local bus operator, First Solent, to establish a new electric-ready depot and regional headquarters at Hilsea which will private local employment and electric vehicle skills training opportunities.</p>
<p>How are you going to measure/check the impact of your proposal?</p>	<p>We will monitor the introduction of additional services, the electric buses and the new depot and headquarters, the number of passenger journeys being made and journey time lengths as a measure of congestion. We will rely on other Council departments for data on employment levels and earnings, visitor numbers and local economic performance.</p>

Social value

<p>Please explain how your policy, service, function, project or strategy delivers Social Value</p>	<p>Improved bus services and more attractive fares will be the enabler for communities and civic society to work to their best for all Portsmouth residents. Improved access to employment, education and training, day to day activities and leisure facilities will improve health and wellbeing for residents and visitors and the vibrancy of the local economy and cultural assets.</p>
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Involvement

<p>Who was involved in the Integrated impact assessment?</p>	<p>It drew on the contributions of Members, colleagues, bus operators and residents who contributed to the original BSIP programme and its subsequent and ongoing delivery and development.</p>
<p>Name of the person completing this form</p>	<p>Paul Walker</p>
<p>Date of completion</p>	<p>2025-01-09</p>