

Appendix 1

Response of the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment to the recommendations arising from the committee's review of Concessionary Travel

Place Select Committee recommendation	Cabinet Member Decision (Accept or Reject)	Action to be taken (if any) and timescale for completion
<p>1. That members of the review group note with approval:</p> <p>a) the effective delivery of the statutory concessionary scheme by the Council.</p> <p>b) the provision of the additional discretionary elements of the concessionary travel scheme.</p>	Accept	<p>Thank you for recognising the effective and efficient administration of the Concessionary fare schemes.</p>
<p>2. That consultation and engagement activity be carried out with both older persons and disabled persons permit holders to gather further information on how they currently use their travel pass and how potentially they would like to be able to use their pass in the future to meet their travel needs.</p> <p>and</p> <p>that the results of this consultation and engagement activity be used to inform the focus of further considerations by the Cabinet</p>	Accept	<p>The Concessionary Fare review currently being undertaken by the DfT includes consideration of existing eligibility criteria, times of validity and the reimbursement methodology alongside funding implications.</p> <p>Therefore, it would be prudent to wait for the outcome of the national review which is expected in Autumn 2023 before consulting on any future discretionary elements of the scheme. It is the County Council's intention to carry out suitable engagement after the DfT national review</p>

	Member for Transport and Environment on any future potential amendments to the discretionary elements of the concessionary travel scheme.		
3.	That consultation and engagement activity be carried out with concessionary permit holders at suitable intervals in the future to ensure that the concessionary travel scheme in Nottinghamshire continues to meet the needs of its users.	Accept	We recognise that regular engagement at suitable intervals would be beneficial in the future and plan to ensure either Nottinghamshire County Council or the Mayoral Combined Authority in the future undertake such engagement.
4.	That the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment gives consideration to a feasibility study being carried out to fully examine the issues and costs around extending the time window in which the older persons and disabled permit could be used from 09:30 to 09:00.	Accept	<p>It is prudent to wait for the outcome of the national review, before commencing with a feasibility study.</p> <p>Nottinghamshire County Council have asked the Department for Transport to give this time window extension consideration as part of their national review of the concessionary travel scheme. We have also asked that the Department for Transport gives consideration to a suitable concessionary scheme for armed forces veterans in line with that provided by Transport for London.</p>
5.	That the current activity being carried out as part of the Bus Service Improvement Plan around the expansion of concessionary travel to residents aged 22 and under and to residents in receipt of job seekers allowance, be commended.	Accept	Thank you for your positive feedback on the Bus Service Improvement Plan proposals.
6.	That if at a time that the requirements of the statutory concessionary travel scheme are expanded by the	Accept	If there is any future underfunding this will be considered.

	Government that appropriate lobbying should take place to request that this expansion is supported with the appropriate level of funding being made to local authorities.		
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