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Public Transport Strategy Review

Wiltshire Council is undertaking a review of Wiltshire Council supported bus services.

This is part of a wider review of all areas of Wiltshire Council's passenger transport remit.

Although passenger transport makes a strong contribution to the priorities that underpin Wiltshire Council's Business Plan, a key challenge in recent years has been how the service can continue to achieve these priorities in the face of growing pressures on local authority spending. This review is therefore being undertaken to help identify savings from passenger transport budgets.

Roughly half of bus routes in Wiltshire are operated with the need for financial support from Wiltshire Council. Services with fewer passengers, weekend and evening, or remote services require more support. Many other local authorities have already made savings from reducing or withdrawing subsidised bus routes.

The council has already completed a pre consultation assessment, (details can be found via this link: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/localtransportplan3)

We will now undertake a broader consultation to hear the views of residents. The council has made no decisions and would like to see how far residents agree or disagree with the presented options, or alternatively suggest their own. Consultation documents can be viewed on the council's consultation portal: <http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal>

Hard copies of the consultation material including questionnaires will be available at local libraries and at main council offices. Questionnaires will also be available on buses operating contracted services, and can be sent out on request by contacting 0300 456 0100.

The consultation will be open from 7 January 2016 to 5pm on the 4 April 2016.

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