

## Review of bus services in North West Wiltshire

### **Service 44A (Chippenham town service to Pipsmore Road) – info sheet**

#### **Summary of proposed change**

The Monday – Friday service is operated commercially and is not included in this review. The Saturday service is very poorly used and it is proposed to withdraw it or provide a reduced level of service.

#### **Commentary on current service**

On Mondays to Fridays service 44A is operated on a commercial basis (without Council funding) by the Faresaver bus company. On Saturdays Faresaver do not run commercially, and Wiltshire Council fund a service of 8 journeys in each direction between the hours of 0830 and 1600.

Use of the Saturday journeys is very poor, with only around 2 passengers being carried in total on each round trip. About a half of these passengers have easy access to another more frequent service.

#### **Explanation of proposed changes**

The Saturday journeys are currently provided by using a vehicle that is also used to operate other Council funded services in the area. This vehicle may no longer be available as a result of other proposals being put forward in this review, although it may be possible to provide a more limited service in other ways depending on the service pattern that is finally agreed. As use of the current Saturday service is so poor, there is also a possibility that it may be withdrawn completely if a cost-effective way of operating it can not be found.

#### **Proposed timetable**

No specific timetable is proposed at this stage, but if the need for a service is identified through this consultation, consideration will be given to ways in which this can be met in a way that is cost-effective.

Similar information sheets are available for each of the bus services affected by the North West Wiltshire review. A consultation on the proposals is under way and will close on 7 October 2013. Details of other services and of the consultation can be found on the council's website (<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/consultations.htm>) or are available from the Passenger Transport Unit, Wiltshire Council, County Hall, Trowbridge BA14 8JN.

