

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL - RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY

Bryan Sweetland,
Cabinet Member for Environment, Highways & Waste

DECISION NO.

11/01813

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Subject: Approval of criteria for prioritisation of Supported Bus Services

Decision:

The Cabinet Member for Environment, Highways and Waste is recommended:

- (1) To approve the processes outlined above to prioritise the support of bus services in the event of a commercial withdrawal by an operator, or Contractual Notice being given on a subsidised bus service, or a reduction in funding availability;**
- (2) To create a contingency of £50k from the existing supported bus budget to cover interim periods when KCC is supporting additional services.**

Any Interest Declared when the Decision was Taken

None

Reason(s) for decision, including alternatives considered and any additional information


Kent County Council (KCC) currently commits around £7.6m (net) to supporting local bus services which are not provided commercially. These are largely catering for people living in rural areas and to enable services to operate in the evenings and at weekends.

On 22 November 2011 the Environmental, Highways & Waste Policy & Overview Scrutiny Committee recommended approval of new criteria by which KCC will prioritise spending on Supported Bus Services based on access to work, learning, healthcare and essential food shopping, days of operation and cost per passenger journey. The recommendations to the Cabinet Member were endorsed. They have also been considered by, and have the support of, the Finance Working Group to this Committee.

These criteria, if approved by the Cabinet Member, will be used to determine support in the event of a commercial bus service being deregistered or notice being given by an operator of an existing subsidised bus service, as well as to prioritise support should there be a reduction in KCC funding for bus services.

Background Documents:

None


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signed

21.02.2019
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date

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Decision Referred to Cabinet Scrutiny			
YES		NO	

Cabinet Scrutiny Decision to Refer Back for Reconsideration			
YES		NO	

Reconsideration Record Sheet Issued			
YES		NO	

Reconsideration of Decision Published			