

## Consultation on subsidised bus services assessment criteria

### Briefing note – June 2014

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Subsidised bus and community transport services provide transport to make sure that people who live in areas not served by commercial bus services have access to a wide range of facilities to meet their needs.

Subsidised bus services are currently ranked by their financial performance, using a criteria which states that 40% of the cost of a service must be met through passenger revenue. This passenger revenue includes any concessionary reimbursement due as part of the English National Concessionary Travel Scheme.

This way of ranking can result in those contracts that under perform financially being more likely to be withdrawn irrespective of the community needs that they fulfil.

To take into account the priorities set out in the Local Transport Plan, the county council is proposing to revise the criteria to measure services in a more sustainable way. Each subsidised local bus service will be scored in relation to the purpose of the journey and how accessible it is to the local community.

The revised approach will place a particular emphasis on journeys that provide access to work, education and health opportunities and will prioritise daytime and Sunday services relative to those provided in the evening after 18:30.

We are consulting with all interested parties over the next seven weeks from 13 June 2014 and we welcome your views on the proposed criteria.

You can complete the questionnaire, view the proposed scoring methodology and the Bus Service Network Review revised criteria [here](#)