

West Sussex County Council

Proposed Executive Decision for **25 June 2021** call-in deadline **5 p.m. on 6 July 2021**

The following proposed decision has been endorsed by the Cabinet Member and will come into effect at the end of the call-in period unless the call-in procedure is activated.

Decision Title & Ref No:	West Sussex Bus Services Enhanced Partnership HT01 (21/22)
Cabinet Member Responsible for Decision	Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport
Electoral Divisions	All Divisions
Key Decision	Yes
Purpose	The new Bus Back Better bus strategy for England was launched in March 2021. The strategy outlines opportunities for Local Transport Authorities and Bus Operators to access £3bn of new funding towards improved bus services, as well as continuing to access COVID-19 recovery funding. The first requirement for access to this new funding opportunity is achieved through the County Council committing to establishing statutory Enhanced Partnerships with the bus operators by the end of June 2021.
Decision	The Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport has - 1. committed to establishing an Enhanced Partnership across West Sussex under the Bus Services Act 2017; and 2. given formal notice of the County Council's intention to prepare an Enhanced Partnership and invites all local bus operators to confirm their intention to participate.
Interest and nature of interest declared	None
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Background Papers	See report for details