

West Sussex County Council

Proposed Executive Decision for **1 July 2022** call-in deadline **5 p.m. on 12 July 2022**

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:	Bus Services Draft Enhanced Partnership Plan and Bus Service Improvement Plan spending priorities HT04 (22/23)
Cabinet Member responsible for decision	Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport (Councillor Joy Dennis)
Electoral Divisions	All Divisions
Key Decision	Yes
Purpose	<p>The Government's 'Bus Back Better – National Bus Strategy for England' requires Local Transport Authorities and bus companies to work in partnership to help recovery and improve bus services.</p> <p>In June 2021, the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport took a key decision to enter into an Enhanced Partnership (EP) with bus operators and, in October 2021, made a further key decision and submitted a Bus Services Improvement Plan (BSIP) to the DfT including a bid for funds.</p> <p>Further to the submission of the BSIP, the DfT has offered an indicative funding allocation up to £17,401,596 (of which £11,982,180 is capital and £5,419,416 revenue) to commence delivery of the BSIP. This is total funding from 2022/23 to 2024/25.</p> <p>Funding confirmation is conditional on the submission and implementation of an Enhanced Partnership which includes firmer and more detailed commitments from the County Council and local bus operators to deliver a package of prioritised and ambitious improvements to bus services.</p> <p>By Monday 2 May, the County Council must complete and submit to the DfT a summary which sets out how the funding allocation will be used, including prioritised interventions, delivery timelines and costs and how it will be reflected in the EP. Due to the exceptionally tight timescale for the completion of this work, the Assistant Director (Highways, Transport and Planning) will complete the summary in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport.</p> <p>By the end of June, the County Council must submit a</p>

	<p>Draft Enhanced Partnership Plan which shows how relevant aspects of the BSIP will be implemented.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport will be asked to approve the Draft Enhanced Partnership Plan for submission to the DfT.</p>
Decision	<p>The Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport has approved –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the West Sussex Enhanced Partnership Plan and Scheme (as set out in appendices 2 and 3) and, subject to no substantive amendments made by the DfT, delegate authority to the Assistant Director (Highways, Transport and Planning) to approve the Enhanced Partnership Plan; and 2. the Bus Services Improvement Plan proposed spending priorities, set out in Appendix 4.
Interest and nature of interest declared	None
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Background papers	See report for details