

West Sussex County Council

Proposed Executive Decision for **19 December 2018** call-in deadline **5 p.m. on 2 January 2019**

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 Strategy 2018-2026 and Financial Changes to the Non-Commercial Bus Network HI23(18/19)
Cabinet Member responsible for Decision	Mr Elkins - Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure
West Sussex Plan priority	A Prosperous Place
Electoral Divisions	All Divisions
Key Decision	Yes
Purpose	<p>The Cabinet Member established an Executive Task and Finish Group (TFG) in November 2017 to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the county-wide passenger transport strategy relating to buses • the criteria by which the County Council intervenes in the bus market • the application of the revised policy to the County Council's current level of investment into the bus market; and • a review of how funding is spent across the county to allow residents to have equitable access <p>The TFG met in November 2018 and the Environment, Communities and Fire Select Committee met on 6 December 2018 and made recommendations to the Cabinet Member for consideration.</p>
Decision	<p>The Cabinet Member for Highway and Infrastructure has approved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The content and adoption of the West Sussex Bus Strategy 2018 to 2026, as set out in Appendix A 2) The funding of the non-commercial bus network is reduced by £300,564 from 2019/20 as set out in Appendix D (which is exempt from publication). Officers are instructed to continue to work with bus operators and local communities to mitigate the impacts of this reduction where possible 3) The establishment of an Executive Task and Finish Group to consider additional or enhanced community based transport offers.
Interest and nature of interest declared	None.
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Background Papers	See report for details