

Surrey County Council Transport Review

Surrey County Council has announced its intention to review the subsidies it gives to is subject to local transport where the council currently spends around £8.9m a year subsidising public buses, one of the highest spends in South East England. We also spend £640,000 per year on Community Transport and £8.7m on concessionary fares, including some extra discretionary concessions for people with disabilities. We understand they are looking to save around £2m of this

The review will focus on the following three aspects of local transport.

- The council's subsidy of all local bus services.
- The provision of community transport in the county, and how this can be made more commercial.
- SCC-funded discretionary concessions:
 - Free travel for disabled person's pass holders at all times (the statutory requirement is between 9.30am and 11.00pm Monday-Friday and all day at weekends and on public holidays).
 - Companion passes issued to qualifying Surrey residents (already disabled or older person's bus pass holders) who cannot travel without assistance, enabling free travel for a friend, carer or relative.

The aim of the review is to make savings while maintaining the services that residents rely on most, such as services that get people to work, hospitals and schools.

To help achieve this, they have launched a public consultation, running from now until **14 January 2015**.

To take part in the consultation residents and stakeholders can complete the [online survey](#), and on the link below:

www.surreycc.gov.uk/transportreview

A hard-copy of the survey will also be available, from early November, from libraries, district and borough and parish council buildings and bus stations, and we will advertise the consultation via a poster campaign at bus stations, on buses and in other public buildings throughout Surrey.