

# Future provision of subsidised bus services in Staffordshire - Organisation Group Response Form

Please have your say on options to review bus journeys subsidised by Staffordshire County Council. Please complete this response form if you are responding on behalf of members of the public that you represent, an organisation, school establishment, community or voluntary group.

It is important for the county council to ensure a good representation of views from across Staffordshire, as such we do ask for a range of questions in relation to your group, organisation and people you represent. Please be assured that the information you do choose to share will be treated confidentially and will only be used to help the county council make decisions in relation to this consultation. Thank you in advance for taking the time to share your views. **Please return your views by 17th September 2017.**

Q1 Please provide details about your group or organisation

Organisation/group name:

Your name:

Your job role:

Organisation/group contact address (including postcode)

Organisation/group email address

Q2 If we needed to find out more about the comments you have made would you be happy for us to contact you? If so, please select the box and ensure you have provided your contact details above.

Q3 Are the members of the group, organisation or people you represent, primarily... (Please select all that apply)

Older people

Young people

Families

Members of the public

People with learning disabilities

Members of a voluntary/community group

People with physical disabilities

Other (please specify)

Other (please specify)

Q4 Which geographical areas does the group, organisation or people you represent cover? (Please select all that apply)

Cannock Chase

Newcastle-under-Lyme

Stafford

Stoke-on-Trent

East Staffordshire

South Staffordshire

Staffordshire Moorlands

An area outside of Staffordshire

Lichfield

Tamworth

## Proposed options

Staffordshire County Council has developed four proposed options on how the £1.3 million budget, which will be available to help people travel around the county from April 2018, can best be spent. Please read the 'have your say' document for more information about the options. Please tell us how the proposed options may affect you and the communities you represent.

### Option 1: Revised Local Subsidised Bus Services (No Dial-A-Ride Services):

This option seeks to maintain priority routes and support some services for employment, education and health. There would be no Dial-A-Ride services. This is the county council's preferred option because it retains the greatest number of journeys

Q5 How far do you agree or disagree with this option?

- Strongly agree  Disagree  
 Agree  Strongly disagree  
 Neither agree nor disagree

Q6 Please tell us how travel under this option would affect the people you, your group or organisation represent?

- It wouldn't affect the people I, my group or organisation represent as they rarely, if ever, use the service  
 The people I, my group or organisation represent might be affected but they could probably make alternative arrangements  
 This would have a big effect on the people I, my group or organisation represent

Q7 How will the people you, your group or organisation represent be affected by this option?

### Option 2: Revised Local Subsidised Bus Services with two Dial-A-Ride Services

This option seeks to maintain priority routes and support some services for employment, education and health. There would be two Dial-A-Ride services maintained - Staffordshire Moorlands Connect and South Staffordshire Connect.

Q8 How far do you agree or disagree with this option?

- Strongly agree  Disagree  
 Agree  Strongly disagree  
 Neither agree nor disagree

Q9 Please tell us how travel under this option would affect the people you, your group or organisation represent?

- It wouldn't affect the people I, my group or organisation represent as they rarely, if ever, use the service  
 The people I, my group or organisation represent might be affected but they could probably make alternative arrangements  
 This would have a big effect on the people I, my group or organisation represent

Q10 How will the people you, your group or organisation represent be affected by this option?

### Option 3: Revised Local Subsidised Bus Services with Four Dial-A-Ride Services Retained

Option 3 maintains four Dial-A-Ride services - Staffordshire Moorlands Connect, South Staffordshire Connect, Needwood Forest Connect and Lichfield and Rugeley Village Connect. This option also maintains some subsidised local bus services. There will be no Border Car service under this option.

Q11 How far do you agree or disagree with this option?

- Strongly agree  Disagree  
 Agree  Strongly disagree  
 Neither agree nor disagree

Q12 Please tell us how travel under this option would affect the people you, your group or organisation represent?

- It wouldn't affect the people I, my group or organisation represent as they rarely, if ever, use the service  
 The people I, my group or organisation represent might be affected but they could probably make alternative arrangements  
 This would have a big effect on the people I, my group or organisation represent

Q13 How will the people you, your group or organisation represent be affected by this option?

### Option 4: County-wide Dial-A-Ride Services (No Local Subsidised Bus Services)

Under this option, Staffordshire County Council would subsidise Dial-A-Ride services only. The existing Dial-A-Ride services; Staffordshire Moorlands Connect, South Staffordshire Connect, Needwood Forest Connect, Lichfield and Rugeley Village Connect and the Border Car would be maintained. An additional seven new Dial-A-Ride services would also be introduced. There would be no local council subsidised bus services.

Q14 How far do you agree or disagree with this option?

- Strongly agree  Disagree  
 Agree  Strongly disagree  
 Neither agree nor disagree

Q15 Please tell us how travel under this option would affect the people you, your group or organisation represent?

- It wouldn't affect the people I, my group or organisation represent as they rarely, if ever, use the service  
 The people I, my group or organisation represent might be affected but they could probably make alternative arrangements  
 This would have a big effect on the people I, my group or organisation represent

Q16 How will the people you, your group or organisation represent be affected by this option?

## Organisational and group support for maintaining services

There are a number of community and voluntary transport schemes running across the county. We want to find out what is happening in your local area and whether you would be willing to support communities with running a local initiative.

Support could include helping to fund extra journeys. It could also include helping people to access other community and voluntary transport schemes which may already be in existence. For example schemes which offer lifts to neighbours in need, employee car share schemes, sharing taxis, offering a dial-a-ride payable service or running a local minibuss scheme. It could also include helping communities to set up initiatives of their own.

Q17 Are you aware of the existence of community and voluntary transport schemes in your local area?

- Yes  
 To some extent  
 No

Q18 Please tell us about the community and voluntary transport initiatives you are aware of in your local area

Q19 Would you be interested in supporting local communities to set up and run their own community and voluntary transport scheme?

- Yes, I could signpost people to an existing scheme  
 Yes, I could share information on the types of community or voluntary transport schemes available  
 Yes, I could support local communities to set up their own community or voluntary transport scheme. For example by helping them to; identify need, secure funding, write a business plan or raise awareness.  
 Yes, I could support local communities with implementing a community or voluntary transport scheme  
 Yes, I could provide another type of support

Another type of support (please specify)

Q20 If you are interested in running or supporting a local community or voluntary transport scheme, please include your contact details below

Your name:

Your email:

Your postal address:

## Suggestions/ideas

Q21 If you have any other suggestions/ideas that could help contribute towards the savings that need to be made, please tell us about these below.

**Thank you for taking the time to share your views. Please click on submit to return your views to us.**