

Have your say on how Hertfordshire County Council funds local bus services

We fund **11% of bus passenger journeys** in Hertfordshire

We are seeking **your views on proposed changes** to how we fund bus services

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Please respond by **10 April 2015** to ensure your voice is heard



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The county council uses taxpayers' money to support approximately 11% of the 35.6 million bus passenger journeys made each year in Hertfordshire.

In 2014 we asked for your views on proposals to reduce evening and Sunday services. Following careful consideration of the feedback we received we have made some changes to the proposals which we would like your views on.

These new proposals would affect only 2% of all the passenger journeys running in Hertfordshire but would save more money.

What are we proposing?

- **Withdraw funding from contracted services which operate after 7:30pm**
- **Withdraw funding from these services on Sundays, except for routes which go directly to hospitals which would run until 7.30pm**
- **Modify our existing Value for Money Criteria** to help determine which routes and services will receive funding, taking into account a range of factors including cost per passenger journey and need.
- **Amend the overall Bus Strategy** to reflect any changes in the way we fund bus services.

Why are we doing this?

Hertfordshire County Council is facing severe pressures on its budget. Between 2010 and 2014 the county council had to reduce its budget by approximately £150m. We must take out a similar amount over the next four years.

These new proposals would save approximately £1.471m from the current bus budget.

How can I have my say?

You can let us know your views by completing the online form on our website www.hertsdirect.org/busconsult

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