

OFFICER DECISION RECORD (ODR2)

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Date of Decision	23rd August 2024
Decision Taker (including Job Title)	Thomas Moody – Director of Highways & Infrastructure
Specific Delegation	<p>Highways & Transport Committee – 23 November 2023. Report entitled ‘Local Bus Support Criteria – Consultation Outcomes.’</p> <p>“Approve the proposals for spending the Council’s first allocation of BSIP+ grant funding for the current financial year (2023/24) and delegate the authority to spend the funding to the Director of Infrastructure and Highways, in consultation with the Enhanced Partnership Board. The projects delivered through this initial programme will inform the development of future programmes across the borough”.</p>
Brief Description of Decision	<p>Decision to implement two initiatives included in the indicative 2023/24 delivery programme approved by Committee in November 2023:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduce a multi-operator ticket in Macclesfield and surrounding area, with local bus operators. 2. Trial a young person’s concessionary fare pass for 16-19 year olds. <p>The initiatives are being delivered as part of the Enhanced Partnership (EP) Scheme. At the meeting of the EP Board on 15th August, it was agreed unanimously to add Appendix 1 and 2 of this ODR to the EP Scheme as an Addendum.</p>
Reasons for the Decision and	The decision to implement the initiatives has been made following extensive engagement with local

<p>alternatives considered</p>	<p>bus operators and user groups through the Operator Working Group, EP Forum and EP Board.</p> <p>The introduction of a multi-operator ticket in Macclesfield and the surrounding area is anticipated to improve the bus offer within the area and encourage patronage growth.</p> <p>The introduction of a young persons (16-19) and care leavers (18-21) concessionary discount boroughwide is anticipated to encourage bus utilisation across the borough and develop a new generation of bus users.</p> <p>An alternative option is to do nothing and maintain the current ticketing arrangements which offers no incentive to passengers and would not contribute to passenger growth. This does not align with the vision and objectives of our Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) to provide better bus services for residents and encourage growth in bus use.</p>
<p>Member consultation and interests declared</p>	<p>The Chair and Vice Chair of Highways & Transport Committee are members of the EP Board and have therefore inputted and steered the 2023/24 BSIP+ delivery programme.</p>
<p>Significant Decision</p>	<p>NO</p>
<p>Legal Implications</p>	<p>Appendix 1 and 2 to the ODR set out the specification, key assumptions and exclusions to both initiatives, which are intended to be voted on by the EP Board and added as Addendums to the EP Scheme document.</p> <p>The competition tests included in the Transport Act 2000 have been undertaken to ensure that the schemes being delivered are lawful and compliant.</p> <p>The EP Plan and EP Scheme form the Council's Enhanced Partnership which was made on 21st July 2022. Any variations to the EP Scheme must be in accordance with the EP Plan objectives.</p> <p>Andrew Poynton, Legal, 23/8/24</p>
<p>Financial Implications</p>	<p>The initiatives will be fully funded by the DfT BSIP+ Grant 2023/24, carried forward into 2024/25 and</p>

	<p>the funding allocation earmarked for these initiatives is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce a multi-operator ticket in Macclesfield and surrounding area, with local bus operators (£55,000 - £65,000) • Trial a young person's concessionary fare pass for 16-19 year olds (£700,000 - £725,000). <p>There will be monthly monitoring of both initiatives to ensure that spending is in line with the grant funding allocation. In the event that the initiatives are projected to exceed the expected grant funding, the initiatives will be terminated early.</p> <p>Steve Reading, Finance, 13/8/24</p>
Confidential/Exempt Information	No
Background Papers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BSIP 2024 • EP Scheme Document

Signed *Thomas Moody*
Thomas Moody
Director of Highways & Infrastructure

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