

Proposed changes to subsidised bus services and to the Dial a Ride service in Oxfordshire

Oxfordshire County Council would like your views on service change proposals for subsidised bus services and Dial-a-Ride.

The council needs to save more than £6 million on supported transport services. They can save money by running existing services more efficiently, however that is not enough. Savings will also have to come from reducing the current £4 million a year the council pays in bus subsidies and to run the Dial-a-Ride service.

Currently Oxfordshire County Council subsidises over 100 bus services in Oxfordshire, which makes up around 9% of the bus network. This means that more than 9 out of ten services run without any public subsidy.

The proposals in the consultation will affect some bus users and all Dial-a-Ride users.

ORCC are facilitating the public meetings alongside the county council to make sure that everyone has a chance to put their comments forward. As part of our support to the county council we will collate and analyse all the comments made and provide a final report based on the findings.

For all consultation documents, subsidised bus service map, frequently asked questions and the online survey, please go to the county council's website www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/stconsultation.

The best way to get your voice heard on the proposals put forward is to:

1. Go online (www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/stconsultation) and answer a short survey.
2. Attend one of the 5 public meetings to hear more about our proposals and tell them what you think.

Meetings are open to everyone and are being held on:

§ Mon 6 July in Banbury Town Hall, Banbury - 10.30am-12.00pm

§ Mon 6 July in Didcot Civic Hall, Didcot - 16.00pm-17.30pm

§ Tues 7 July in Witney Methodist Church, Witney - 10.30am-12.00pm

§ Weds 8 July in Abingdon Guildhall, Abingdon - 16.00pm-17.30pm

§ Weds 8 July in OCC County Hall, Oxford - 19.00pm-20.30pm

The county council want to hear your views, so please take the time to complete the online survey and, if you can, attend one of the above meeting.

Printed copies of the survey will be available in your local library, but if you would like one sending to you or wish to tell us your views please contact ORCC on 01865 883488

If you have any questions, then please do not hesitate to contact the county council directly by email to supported.transport@oxfordshire.gov.uk or ORCC.