

**Proposal Title:** Concessionary Travel Bus Operator Reimbursement

This is an interim report for a DIA that has been requested but yet to be completed.

If there is a RAG (coloured circle) that has not had it's dependent field selected yet, it will appear as a white circle.

## Impact Summary

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|---------------------------|--|---|
| Climate Change & Energy   | Green - Only positive impacts identified |    |
| Communities & Culture     | Green - Only positive impacts identified |    |
| Waste & Resource Use      | Green - Only positive impacts identified |    |
| Economy                   | Green - Only positive impacts identified |    |
| Health & Wellbeing        | Green - Only positive impacts identified |    |
| Learning & Skills         | Green - Only positive impacts identified |    |
| Natural Environment       | Yes                                      |   |
| Sustainable Procurement   |  |  |
| Transport & Accessibility | Green - Only positive impacts identified |  |

Answers provided indicate that the score for the carbon footprint of the proposal is: **4**

Which is a rating of: **Low**



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Type of Proposal: **Policy**

Brief description:

**To continue to reimburse bus operators for concessionary travel in 2021/22 at an adjusted pre-Covid rate in accordance with government guidance. To reimburse bus operators in 2022/23 in line with the proposed government concessionary travel recovery strategy. This will protect bus passengers for service reductions and help ensure bus operators remain in business.**

Proposer's Name: **John McVey**

Proposer's Directorate: **Regeneration & Economy**

Proposer's Service Unit: **Growth & Infrastructure**

Estimated cost (£): **Above OJEU threshold**

If known, the cost amount (£): **7.67m**

Ward(s) Affected (if applicable):

**All Wards**

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) supported by the proposal:

**3. Good Health and Well Being   11. Sustainable Cities and Communities   13. Climate Action**

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## Climate Change & Energy

Is the proposal likely to have any impacts (positive or negative) on addressing the causes and effects of climate change? **Yes**

If the answer was No, then the explanation is below (in this case there are no answers to subsequent questions in this section):

- 1) Has the proposal accounted for the potential impacts of climate change, e.g. flooding, storms or heatwaves? **Yes**
- 2) Does it assist reducing CO2 and other Green House Gas (GHG) emissions? E.g. reduction in energy or transport use, or waste produced. **Yes**
- 3) Will it increase energy efficiency (e.g. increased efficiency standards / better design / improved construction technologies / choice of materials) and/or reduce energy consumption? **Yes**
- 4) Will it increase the amount of energy obtained from renewable and low carbon sources? **Don't know even though may be relevant**

How was the overall impact of the proposal on its ability to positively address the cause and effects of climate change rated?

**Green - Only positive impacts identified**



The reasoning for the answer (details of impacts including evidence and knowledge gaps):

**The continued operation of bus services will help reduce the number of journeys being undertaken by less sustainable motor cars.**

Details of proposed mitigation/remedial action and monitoring (inc. timescales, responsible officers, related business plans etc):

**N/A**

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## Communities & Culture

Is the proposal likely to impact (positively or negatively) on the development of safe, vibrant, inclusive and engaged communities? **Yes**

If the answer was No, then the explanation is below (there are no answers to subsequent questions in this section):

- 1) Will it help maintain and expand vibrant voluntary and community organisations? **Yes**
- 2) Will it promote a safe community environment? **Partially**
- 3) Will it promote and develop cultural activities? **Partially**

How would the overall impact of the proposal on the development of safe, vibrant, inclusive and engaged communities be rated?

**Green - Only positive impacts identified**



Reasoning for the answer (details of impacts including evidence and knowledge gaps):

**The continuation of bus services has a significant community benefit enabling residents to get out and about and engage with others. Bus services are also beneficial to local economies.**

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## Waste & Resource Use

Is the proposal likely to have any impacts (positive or negative) on waste resource use or production and consumption? **Yes**

If the answer was No, then the explanation is below (there are no answers to subsequent questions in this section):

- 1) Will it prevent waste or promote the reduction, re-use, recycling or recovery of materials? **Partially**
- 2) Will it use sustainable production methods or reduce the need for resources? **Partially**
- 3) Will it manage the extraction and use of raw materials in ways that minimise depletion and cause no serious environmental damage? **Partially**
- 4) Will it help to reduce the amount of water abstracted and / or used? **No**

How would the overall impact of the proposal on the sustainable production and consumption of natural resources be rated?

**Green - Only positive impacts identified**



The reasoning for the answer (details of impacts including evidence and knowledge gaps):

**A fully loaded double decker bus can remove up 74 cars from the road. Euro VI buses are cleaner than Euro 6 engined cars.**

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## Economy

Is the proposal likely to impact (positively or negatively) on the area's ability to support, maintain and grow a sustainable, diverse and thriving economy? **Yes**

If the answer was No, then the explanation is below (there are no answers to subsequent questions in this section):

- 1) Will the proposal encourage local business creation and / or growth?  
**Yes**
- 2) Will the proposal enable local jobs to be created or retained?  
**Yes**
- 3) Will the proposal promote sustainable business practices?  
**Partially**

How would the overall impact of the proposal on it's potential to support and maintain a sustainable, diverse and thriving economy be rated?

**Green - Only positive impacts identified**



The reasoning for the answer (details of impacts including evidence and knowledge gaps):

**Buses support the local economy. The local bus companies are also major employers in their own right.**

Details of proposed mitigation/remedial action and monitoring (inc. timescales, responsible officers, related business plans etc):

**N/A**

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## Health & Wellbeing

Is the proposal likely to impact (positively or negatively) on the creation of a inclusive and healthy social and physical environmental for all? **Yes**

If the answer was No, then the explanation is below (there are no answers to subsequent questions in this section):

- 1) Will the proposal contribute to improving the health and wellbeing of residents or staff?  
**Yes**
- 2) Will the proposal contribute to reducing inequalities?  
**Yes**
- 3) Will the proposal contribute to a healthier and more sustainable physical environment for residents or staff?  
**Partially**

How would the overall impact of the proposal on the creation of a fair and healthy social and physical environmental for all be rated?

**Green - Only positive impacts identified**



The reasoning for the answer (details of impacts including evidence and knowledge gaps):

**Buses are available for all to use. 20% of households on average (and almost 50% in some wards) do not have access to private transport and rely on buses for everyday activities. They are also good for physical health as a walk is required to/from the bus stop and buses are less polluting per passenger mile than cars.**

Details of proposed mitigation/remedial action and monitoring (inc. timescales, responsible officers, related business plans etc):

**N/A**

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## Learning & Skills

Is the proposal likely to impact (positively or negatively) on a culture of ongoing engagement and excellence in learning and skills? **Yes**

If the answer was No, then the explanation is below (there are no answers to subsequent questions in this section):

- 1) Will it provide and/or improve opportunities for formal learning?  
**Yes**
- 2) Will it provide and/or improve community learning and development?  
**Yes**
- 3) Will it provide and/or improve opportunities for apprenticeships and other skill based learning?  
**Yes**

How would the overall impact of the proposal on the encouragement of learning and skills be rated?

**Green - Only positive impacts identified**



The reasoning for the answer (details of impacts including evidence and knowledge gaps):

**Buses provide access to learning.**

Details of proposed mitigation/remedial action and monitoring (inc. timescales, responsible officers, related business plans etc):

**N/A**

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## Natural Environment

Is the proposal likely to impact (positively or negatively) on the protection or enhancement of local biodiversity or the access to and quality of natural environments?

**Yes**

If the answer was No, then the explanation is below (there are no answers to subsequent questions in this section):

- 1) Will it help protect and improve biodiversity i.e. habitats or species (including designated and non-designated)? **Not Relevant**
- 2) Will it improve access to and connectivity of local green spaces whilst protecting and enhancing them? **Yes**
- 3) Will it help protect and enhance the landscape quality and character?  
**Don't know even though may be relevant**
- 4) Will it help to protect and enhance the quality of the area's air, water and land?  
**Partially**

How would the overall impact of your proposal on the protection and enhancement of natural environments be rated?

**Green - Only positive impacts identified**



The reasoning for the answer (details of impacts including evidence and knowledge gaps):

**Buses provide a means for all to get out and about and access our greenspace.**

Details of proposed mitigation/remedial action and monitoring (inc. timescales, responsible officers, related business plans etc):

**N/A**

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## Sustainable Procurement

Does your proposal involve the procurement of goods, services or works? **No**

If the answer was No, then the explanation is below (there are no answers to subsequent questions in this section):

**Concessionary travel bus operator reimbursement does not require a procurement process.**

Has or is it intended that the Strategic Procurement team be consulted?

If the Strategic Procurement team was not consulted, then the explanation for this is:

- 1) Do the Government Buying Standards (GBS) apply to goods and/or services that are planned to be bought?
- 2) Has sustainable resource use (e.g. energy & water consumption, waste streams, minerals use) been considered for whole life-cycle of the product/service/work?
- 3) Has the issue of carbon reduction (e.g. energy sources, transport issues) and adaptation (e.g. resilience against extreme weather events) been considered in the supply chain?
- 4) Is the product/service fairly traded i.e. ensures good working conditions, social benefits e.g. Fairtrade or similar standards?  
**Proc\_Fairtrade**
- 5) Has the lotting strategy been optimised to improve prospects for local suppliers and SMEs?
- 6) If aspects of the requirement are unsustainable then is continued improvement factored into your contract with KPIs, and will this be monitored?

How is the overall impact of your proposal on procurement which supports sustainable resource use, environmental protection and progressive labour standards been rated?



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## Transport & Accessibility

Is the proposal likely to have any impacts (positive or negative) on the provision of sustainable, accessible, affordable and safe transport services - improving links to jobs, schools, health and other services? **Yes**

If the answer was No, then the explanation is below (there are no answers to subsequent questions in this section):

- 1) Will it support and encourage the provision of sustainable and accessible modes of transport (including walking, cycling, bus, trains and low emission vehicles)?  
**Yes**
- 2) Will it reduce the distances needed to travel to access work, leisure and other services? **No**
- 3) Will it encourage affordable and safe transport options?  
**Yes**

How would the overall impact of your proposal on the provision of sustainable, accessible, affordable and safe transport services be rated?

**Green - Only positive impacts identified**



The reasoning for the answer (details of impacts including evidence and knowledge gaps):

**Buses form key part of the local sustainable transport network.**

Details of proposed mitigation and monitoring (inc. timescales, responsible officers, related business plans etc):