

Statutory Notice

Pursuant to Section 95 of the Transport Act 1985
and Section 150 of the Transport Act 2000.

ENGLISH NATIONAL CONCESSIONARY TRAVEL SCHEME

Isle of Wight Council ("The Council") hereby gives notice of its intention under the Transport Act 1985 and Section 150 (1) of the Transport Act 2000 to reimburse operators for revenue foregone plus net additional costs for journeys made under the Concessionary Bus Travel Act 2007 and any local enhancements agreed under the Transport Act 1985.

Payments to operators will be for the year from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 and will be based on the number of concessionary journeys made with each operator, the average adult fare for each operator, a reimbursement factor based on the latest guidance from the Department for Transport (DfT), plus payments for any permitted local enhancements to the English National Concessionary Travel Scheme (ENCTS) that are agreed with operators.

Reimbursement will be consistent with the principle set out in Regulation 4 of the Travel Concession Schemes Regulations 1986 and Regulation 6 of The Mandatory Travel Concession (England) Regulations 2011, so that an operator is financially no better and no worse off as a result of participation in the scheme.

The Council will consult with operators based on the utilisation of data provided by operators and from on bus surveys, to develop a reimbursement factor, marginal additional cost level, and an average fare forgone, such that a reimbursement level can be set for the concessionary year 2023-2024. Should agreement not be reached with operators by 31 March 2022 the Council reserves the right to introduce the statutory minimum English National Concessionary Travel Scheme limiting free travel to between the hours of 9.30am and 11.00pm Monday to Friday and at any time on Saturdays, Sundays or Bank Holidays, with reimbursement rates set at a level which the Council is satisfied reflects a 'no better and no worse off' level by application of the most recent DfT reimbursement guidance published.

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