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Bus Strategy for Shropshire 2011 - 2016 - Consultation

Shropshire Council is consulting with people across Shropshire about proposed changes to local bus services. These changes are laid out in the Bus Strategy for Shropshire Council 2011 – 2016.

Shropshire Council will face some difficult decisions in the short and medium term as financial pressures increase on the budget for the provision of supported local bus services. This will affect the delivery and sustainability of bus services in all areas of the County. Shropshire Council must ensure that the money it has available is targeted at bus services which are **essential** in enabling people to go about their daily lives.

The bus strategy defines the principles and priorities on which the local bus network will be provided over the next 5 years and meets the Council and Communities objective of a flourishing Shropshire.

The consultation will be undertaken during January to March 2011. Comments from the consultation process will be considered in the final Bus Strategy which will be submitted to the Council in April 2011.

The Strategy and details on how to respond to the consultation can be viewed at:
<http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/transportconsultation>

Local Transport Plan for Shropshire Consultation

The bus strategy forms part of a wider Local Transport Plan (LTP) which covers all aspects of Transport and Highways. We are currently consulting on a new LTP which sets out our policies and priorities for the next 15 years. Local Joint Committees, the public and stakeholders can get involved by:

- Completing a simple web based survey on spending priorities available now at **<http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/transportconsultation>**
- Commenting on the draft LTP which includes area based strategies, which will be available in mid January at **<http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/transportconsultation>**

For further information on the LTP please contact Transport Planning (transport@shropshire.gov.uk, tel: 01743 253008).