

25 March 2019  
Public Transport Consultation  
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Dear Sir or Madam

### **Reduction of Local Bus Service Subsidies - Financial Year 2019\20**

Shropshire Council has today (Monday 25 March 2019) launched a six-week consultation into proposed reductions to its public transport budget, which would see a reduction in the number and frequency of bus services subsidised by the Council.

The Council's financial strategy for 2019/20 includes a budget reduction of £405,000 in public transport and £50,000 for Shrewsbury Park & Ride. To achieve these reductions a number of initiatives will have to be implemented and this consultation asks for views about these proposed changes.

The details of these proposals are provided below;

#### **Public Transport - Those services financially supported by the Council.**

To help identify the £405k budget reduction we requested that all our bus operators providing Local Bus Services on behalf of the Council, provide details of the level of service that they could provide on each of these services with a reduction in funding.

In the majority of cases this will represent a reduced timetable on each of the services the Council supports, details of how this will impact individual services is shown in the table at the bottom of this letter.

#### **Shrewsbury Park & Ride**

To achieve the budget reduction of £50k set out in the Council's 2019/20 financial strategy, we are proposing to undertake the following;

- a) To remove the concessionary fare discount that allows passengers on presentation of their concessionary card to travel for a 50% discount, this discount is currently provided at the Councils discretion.
- b) To increase the return fare for the service from its current level of £1.60 to £2.00.
- c) To remove the Group ticket from Park & Ride which allows for up to 5 passengers to travel for the price of £2.50.

The consultation runs from 25 March to 6 May 2019 and can be found at:

[www.shropshire.gov.uk](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk)

Any responses to this consultation should be emailed to [passtrans@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:passtrans@shropshire.gov.uk) or in writing to:

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All responses to the consultation will be included in a report that will be considered by Shropshire Council's Cabinet on Wednesday 22 May 2019.

Yours faithfully

Passenger Transport Commissioning Group  
Shropshire Council



<b>Service Number</b>	<b>Route Description</b>	<b>Days of Operation</b>	<b>Operator</b>	<b>Proposed Service Reduction</b>
553	Plox Green to Bishops Castle	Mon - Sat	Minsterley Motors	Reduction from 5 Journeys per day to 2
101	Bridgnorth Town service	Mon - Sat	Arriva Midlands North	Reduction in frequency to hourly from 30 minutes
113, 114,	Telford - Bridgnorth	Mon - Fri	Arriva Midlands North	Currently a two hourly frequency Monday to Friday, little scope for amendment.
115, 116	Telford - Bridgnorth	Saturdays Only	Arriva Midlands North	Withdraw service, which provides the Saturday journeys for the above (113/114)
436	Shrewsbury to Bridgnorth	Mon - Sat	Arriva Midlands North	Reduction from a 1 to 2 hourly service Peak Journey in the morning will operate to Shrewsbury & not Bridgnorth
208	Ellesmere Town Service	Tue & Fri	Lakeside Coaches Ltd	Removal of the last journey of the day and one late morning Journey
738, 740	Ludlow - Knighton	Mon - Sat	Arriva Midlands North	One bus service with an already limited 2 hourly timetable, little scope for amendment.
301	Market Drayton Town Service	Mon - Sat	Bennetts Travel	Revised timetable – Service to commence at 0900 rather than 0700, operating at a 30 minute frequency, compared to the current 20 minutes.
297	Bridgnorth – Kidderminster	Mon - Sat	Arriva Midlands North	Remove Saturday journeys - Currently a 2 hourly service with little scope for further amendment.
54	Trefonen – Oswestry	Sch	Arriva Midlands North	2 School journeys only transporting entitled pupils, little scope for amendment.
400, 402, 403, 404	Oswestry Town Services	Mon - Sat	Arriva Midlands North	Revised timetable with an hourly frequency across all Oswestry Town services.
405	Oswestry Town Service	Sch	Arriva Midlands North	Withdraw service - Currently one journey am and one journey pm, transporting non-entitled pupils to school.
449	Oswestry – Welshampton	Mon - Fri	Arriva Midlands North	Limited timetable already exists which is subsidised by Shropshire Council - little scope for amendment
576	Oswestry to Shrewsbury	Mon - Sat	Arriva Midlands North	Reduction from a 1 to 2 hourly service Peak Journey in the morning will operate to Shrewsbury only.
71A	Oswestry – Llynclys	Mon - Sat	Tanat Valley Coaches	Limited timetable - no scope for amendment at this stage
2,3, 12	Shrewsbury Town Services	Mon - Sat	Arriva Midlands North	Revised Journey frequency
21	Shrewsbury Town Services	Mon - Sat	Arriva Midlands North	Revised Journey frequency
23	Shrewsbury Town Services	Mon - Sat	Arriva Midlands North	Curtailment of service 23 at Belvidere, Monkmoor to be served by route 1
26	Shrewsbury Town Centre to Meole Village	Mon to Sat	Arriva Midlands North	Reduction in frequency to hourly from every 30 minutes.
8	Telford, Broseley to Bridgnorth	Mon to Sat	Arriva Midlands North	Removal of evening Journeys (1810 from Telford, 1915 from Bridgnorth & 2000 from Telford).

18	Telford, Ironbridge, Broseley to Much Wenlock	Mon to Sat	Arriva Midlands North	Currently a 2 hourly service with 7 journeys throughout the day, little scope for amendment.
37	Meole School - Weeping Cross	Sch	Tanat Valley Coaches	Withdraw service, currently one journey (pm) for non-entitled school children. Am journey not subsidised by the Council
19	Telford – Ironbridge - Shrewsbury	Mon - Sat	Arriva Midlands North	Reduction from a 1 to 2 hourly service Peak Journey in the morning will operate to Shrewsbury and the respective peak journey return in the evening.
501	Ellesmere to Shrewsbury	Mon - Sat	Lakeside Coaches Ltd	Reduction in subsidy agreed with operator, no change to timetable.
540	Cardington - Shrewsbury via Acton Burnell	M-F sch days, Sat	Boultons of Shropshire	Withdraw Saturday Service.
524	Rodington - Shrewsbury	Mon - Fri	Arriva Midlands North	Removal of 0659 & 0720 journey due to low passenger usage.
544,/546	Lyth Hill, Pulverbatch	Mon - Sat	Arriva Midlands North	Withdraw 544 service from Lyth Hill to Shrewsbury, very low passenger usage.
64	Shrewsbury - Market Drayton	Mon - Sat	Arriva Midlands North	Removal of 18:20 Journey from Shrewsbury to Market Drayton and the 19:12 journey from Market Drayton to Shrewsbury
558	Shrewsbury - Montgomery	Mon - Sat	Tanat Valley Coaches	Reduction in subsidy agreed with operator, no change to timetable.
745	Clun Valley	Mon, Tue & Sat	Shrewsbury Dial a Ride	Withdraw Saturday journeys.
201	Wem Town Service	Mon, Tue, Thur & Sat	Lakeside Coaches Ltd	Removal of 1145 & 1400 Journeys on Tuesday or Saturday
205	Whitchurch Town Service	Mon - Sat	Lakeside Coaches Ltd	Removal of 4 Journeys per day, 0749, 1149, 1349 & 1749.
208	Ellesmere town Service	Tues & Fri	Lakeside Coaches Ltd	Removal of late morning journey & last journey at 2pm
511	Shrewsbury - Wem - Whitchurch	Mon - Sat	Arriva Midlands North	Reduction from a 1 to 2 hourly service Peak Journey in the morning will operate to Shrewsbury & not Whitchurch
74	Llanfyllin to Shrewsbury	Mon - Sat	Tanat Valley Coaches	Contracted by Powys - not included in proposals
79	Llangynog to Oswestry	Mon - Sat	Tanat Valley Coaches	Contracted by Powys - not included in proposals
701	Ludlow Town Service	Mon - Sat	Minsterley Motors	Reduce journey frequency from 30 minutes to 45 minutes.
292	Ludlow, Cleobury Mortimer to Kidderminster	Mon to Sat	R&B Travel	Contracted by Worcestershire Council – not included in proposals