Consultation – Subsidised bus services – Budget Proposals.

Why are we asking for this information?

As a result of the local government finance settlement and existing budget pressures, the county council has to consider making savings by reducing costs and reshaping the way services are delivered. As part of a range of proposals being considered, we are looking to reduce the amount of money we spend to support bus services in the county each year by withdrawing the funding to subsidise bus services during the evenings, Sundays and Bank Holidays. Before the final decision is made we would like to hear any comments you may have. Your comments will help shape the final report presented to full council in February 2014.

What happens to the information?

Some people worry about giving information in case it should fall into the wrong hands. There are strict laws (Data Protection Act 1998) to make sure that we protect the information we collect and to deal with it responsibly. Service managers use the information to help them make sure their services are meeting the needs of all our residents.

Aren't some of the questions a bit personal?

It may seem that we are being nosy, but we ask everyone the same thing. We understand that you might be protective of your personal information, but if we don't know who is using our services, it is harder for us to deliver them appropriately.

More Information.

You can view the consultation documents and the full list of services affected at <u>www.lancashire.gov.uk/haveyoursay</u> and respond on the website.

You can also email responses to <u>lcc.bus.services@lancashire.gov.uk</u> or by post to Bus and Supported Transport Manager, Lancashire County Council, Room D3, PO Box 100, County Hall, Preston, PR1 0LD.

The closing date for responses is Friday 17 January 2014.

Thank you for your assistance.

