

ST ALBANS CITY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISION REGISTER

Portfolio(s) decision relates to:	Concessionary Fares Scheme	Name of Portfolio Holder:	Councillor G Churchard
Name of decision maker:	Mr D Welton	Signature of decision maker:	
Name of relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee:	Corporate Services	Date of decision:	13/02/06
Type of decision (<i>please tick</i>)	Key	Significant	Virement
			Other
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Scheme of delegation reference under which decision is taken:	2.1.6		
Has this decision drawn upon confidential information? (<i>If yes – please set out what confidential information has been taken into account on a separate sheet</i>)	Yes / No		
<p>DECISION (<i>Note this should be written in the style of a committee minute and should not include confidential information</i>):</p> <p>That in conjunction with other Hertfordshire districts, the Council's Concessionary Fares Scheme for the financial year 2006/07 shall provide to all eligible persons free travel on all journeys beginning or ending within the County of Hertfordshire.</p> <p>In arriving at my decision I have properly and thoroughly taken into account the legal, financial and workforce implications for the Council. My decision is within the Council's policy and budget framework and complies with the regulations and procedures set out in the Constitution. I have explicitly considered the Council's corporate objectives in arriving at my decision. In coming to my decision I have consulted with all relevant parties as appropriate and in accordance with the scheme of delegation.</p>			

REASON/S FOR THE DECISION

The basis for the decision is that the Government has introduced a new statutory scheme giving free travel within the area of each relevant authority (districts in this case) and, based on figures produced for the Hertfordshire Districts by the consultants, MCL, the cost to St Albans of offering free travel throughout the County is only £500 greater than for the much more restrictive statutory scheme. Having a uniform scheme across the County area will be less complex and costly for the operators to administer and manage than the current multiplicity of schemes.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED:	REASONS FOR REJECTING THESE OPTIONS
1. Statutory free-travel within district only	Insignificant cost increase for much more generous scheme
2.	
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CONSULTEES

In making this decision, I have consulted the following people:

Name and Signature	Position	Date of consultation	Outcome of consultation
1. I W Duffield	Head of Finance	31/01/06	Supported
2. Councillor Oxley	Resources Portfolio Holder	31/01/06	Supported
3. Councillor Donald	Chair of Cabinet	31/01/06	Supported

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT) 1985

Bibliography	Custodian	File location
Information supplied to all Hertfordshire districts by MCL Consultants	I W Duffield	District Council Offices Civic Centre St Peter's Street St Albans AL1 3JE