

Oxfordshire County Council Equalities Impact Assessment

Oxfordshire Real Time Passenger Information (RTPI) Procurement September 2023

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Section 1: Summary details

Directorate and Service	Environment and Place – Network Management
Area	
What is being assessed (e.g. name of policy, procedure, project, service or proposed service change). Is this a new or existing	Procurement of a replacement Real Time Passenger Information (RTPI) Contract Existing
function or policy?	
Summary of assessment Briefly summarise the policy or proposed service change. Summarise possible impacts. Does the proposal bias, discriminate or unfairly disadvantage individuals or groups within the community? (following completion of the assessment).	The RTPI service provides live travel updates to users of bus services across Oxfordshire. The service contributes to improving the attractiveness of bus services, reducing congestion, and making public transport more accessible. It complements other services provided by network management including traffic signal priority measures which improve bus journey times, one of the key priorities of the County Council. The proposal does not discriminate or unfairly disadvantage individuals or groups within the community.
Completed By	Keith Stenning – Head of Network Management
Authorised By	
Date of Assessment	September 2023

Section 2: Detail of proposal

Briefly summarise the background to the policy or proposed service change, including reasons for any changes from previous versions.	Oxfordshire County Council has provided a RTPI service since 2005. Existing contracts expire in November 2023 and a new contract is required to ensure service continuity and improvement.
Proposals Explain the detail of the proposals, including why this has been decided as the best course of action.	The proposal is to procure a replacement contract as the existing contract ends in November 2023. This will enable existing RTPI services to continue and for an enhanced service to be deployed. The County Council is required under its statutory Enhanced Bus Partnership to deliver improvements to RTPI. This is reflected in the funding allocation for the RTPI enhancements as part of the Enhanced Bus Partnership agreement.
List and explain any data, consultation outcomes, research findings, feedback from service users and stakeholders etc, that	A DfT submission has been made following the agreement to enter into an Enhanced Bus Partnership. Working with bus operators a list of sites for upgrading has been produced and is being priced.

supports your proposals and can help to inform the judgements you make about potential impact on different individuals, communities or groups and our ability to deliver our climate commitments.	
Alternatives considered / rejected	The do nothing option would negate the Enhanced Bus Partnership and cause funding to be withdrawn by DfT.
Summarise any other approaches that have been considered in developing the policy or proposed service change, and the reasons why these were not adopted. This could include reasons why doing nothing is not an option.	

Section 3: Impact Assessment - Protected Characteristics

Protected Characteristic	No Impact	Positive	Negative	Description of Impact	Any actions or mitigation to reduce negative impacts	Action owner* (*Job Title, Organisation)	Timescale and monitoring arrangements
Age	\boxtimes						
Disability				Improving facilities for the visual impaired – talking bus stops.			
Gender Reassignment	\boxtimes						
Marriage & Civil Partnership	\boxtimes						
Pregnancy & Maternity	\boxtimes						
Race	\boxtimes						
Sex	\boxtimes						
Sexual Orientation	\boxtimes						
Religion or Belief	\boxtimes						

Section 3: Impact Assessment - Additional Community Impacts

Additional community impacts	No Impact	Positive	Negative	Description of impact	Any actions or mitigation to reduce negative impacts	Action owner (*Job Title, Organisation)	Timescale and monitoring arrangements
Rural communities		\boxtimes		Enhanced and consistent travel information services with improved journey times.			
Armed Forces	\boxtimes						
Carers	\boxtimes						
Areas of deprivation	\boxtimes						

Section 3: Impact Assessment - Additional Wider Impacts

Additional Wider Impacts	No Impact	Positive	Negative	Description of Impact	Any actions or mitigation to reduce negative impacts	Action owner* (*Job Title, Organisation)	Timescale and monitoring arrangements
Staff	\boxtimes						
Other Council Services	\boxtimes						
Providers	\boxtimes						
Social Value ¹	\boxtimes						

¹ If the Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012 applies to this proposal, please summarise here how you have considered how the contract might improve the economic, social, and environmental well-being of the relevant area

Section 4: Review

Where bias, negative impact or disadvantage is identified, the proposal and/or implementation can be adapted or changed; meaning there is a need for regular review. This review may also be needed to reflect additional data and evidence for a fuller assessment (proportionate to the decision in question). Please state the agreed review timescale for the identified impacts of the policy implementation or service change.

Review Date	Annual review through the Enhanced Bus Partnership Board
Person Responsible for Review	Keith Stenning – Head of Network Management
Authorised By	