

We want to make you aware that residents are being asked to share their views on a proposed reduction of Kent County Council's (KCC) Supported Bus Services.

KCC's budget for the 2022/23 financial year was agreed on Thursday 10th February and included a reduction to the Supported Bus budget to £4.3m representing a decrease of £2.2 million.

KCC currently spends about £6 million a year to contract services which are not profitable for bus companies but which the council thinks are important to the communities they serve.

The proposed changes mean 48 contracts have been selected for possible withdrawal from the budget.

We want to make you aware of this so that you can consider the impact on yourself or your organisation and are also asking for your help to promote the consultation through your own network so that everyone that needs to be aware is and has an opportunity to respond.

The consultation formally opens today [24th February] and will close on 20th April.

Visit www.kent.gov.uk/bussavings to view the full list of the services proposed to be withdrawn and take part in the consultation.

For queries or requests for hard copies, email bussavings@kent.gov.uk or call 03000 421437 referencing KCC Bus Funding Reduction.

For any alternative formats, email alternativeformats@kent.gov.uk or call 03000 42 15 53 (text relay service number 18001 03000 42 15 53).