**Committee Report No:** 58-2018

**Document Title:** Passenger Transport Review

**Document Type:** Policy

**New/Existing:** New

**Period Covered:** from 1 April 2018

**Document Description:**

Committee report seeking approval to re-organise passenger transport services.

**Intended Outcome:**

Cessation of Taxicard Scheme and reallocation of resources to other transport services.

**How will the proposal be monitored?** N/A

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**A. Equality and Diversity Impacts:**

**Age:**  Negative

**Disability:**  Negative

**Gender Reassignment:**  No Impact

**Marriage and Civil Partnership:**  No Impact

**Pregnancy and Maternity:**  No Impact

**Race/Ethnicity:**  No Impact

**Religion or Belief:**  No Impact

**Sex:**  No Impact

**Sexual Orientation:**  No Impact

**Equality and diversity Implications:**

The Taxicard Scheme is exclusively used by Disabled Passengers.

**Proposed Mitigating Actions:**

There is a continuing project of re-organisation of Dundee City Council vehicle and staff resources to ensure the Council is in a position to deliver more transport services for those most in need. From March 2018, Dundee City Council will introduce a new minibus service targeted at people with restricted mobility. These services will operate in areas of the city that have been identified as having higher levels of unmet travel demand. During 2018, further services, co-designed by community partners, will be developed.

All buses providing local bus services are now fully accessible and have been from January 2017. Dundee City Council continues its programme of making bus stops more accessible through raising kerb heights.

There will be no restriction placed on the availability of taxis in Dundee. Taxis fares in Dundee have remained unchanged since April 2015.

In early 2018, a new commercial Demand Responsive Transport service was launched by Scot Blue Ltd. This new service, Easy-On, provides door to door journeys for passengers travelling from anywhere in Dundee to Ninewells Hospital or Kings Cross Hospital for a flat fare of £5.00.

**Is the proposal subject to a full EQIA? :** No

The Taxicard Scheme is exclusively used by Disabled Passengers.

**B. Fairness and Poverty Impacts:**

**Geography**

**Strathmartine (Ardler, St Mary's and Kirkton):**  No Impact

**Lochee (Lochee/Beechwood, Charleston and Menzieshill):**  No Impact

**Coldside (Hilltown, Fairmuir and Coldside):**  No Impact

**Maryfield (Stobswell and City Centre):**  No Impact

**North East (Whitfield, Fintry and Mill O' Mains):**  No Impact

**East End (Mid Craigie, Linlathen and Douglas):**  No Impact

**The Ferry:**  No Impact

**West End:**  No Impact

**Household Group**

**Lone Parent Families:**  No Impact

**Greater Number of children and/or Young Children:**  No Impact

**Pensioners - Single/Couple:**  Negative

**Single female households with children:**  No Impact

**Unskilled workers or unemployed:**  No Impact

**Serious and enduring mental health problems:**  No Impact

**Homeless:**  No Impact

**Drug and/or alcohol problems:**  No Impact

**Offenders and Ex-offenders:**  No Impact

**Looked after children and care leavers:**  No Impact

**Carers:**  Negative

**Significant Impact**

**Employment:**  No Impact

**Education and Skills:**  No Impact

**Benefit Advice/Income Maximisation:**  No Impact

**Childcare:**  No Impact

**Affordability and Accessibility of services:**  Negative

**Fairness and Poverty Implications:**

The cost of taxi travel will increase when the £2.00 discount that is provided by the Taxicard Scheme is removed. This discount is available for one return trip per week, 104 trips per annum.

**Proposed Mitigating Actions:**

The Council seeks to develop a number of alternative, affordable passenger services for those most in need. These will be co-designed by with community representatives working within the Dundee Transport Forum.

**C. Environmental Impacts**

**Climate Change**

**Mitigating greenhouse gases:**  No Impact

**Adapting to the effects of climate change:**  No Impact

**Resource Use**

**Energy efficiency and consumption:**  No Impact

**Prevention, reduction, re-use, recovery or recycling waste:**  No Impact

**Sustainable Procurement:**  No Impact

**Transport**

**Accessible transport provision:**  No Impact

**Sustainable modes of transport:**  Positive

**Natural Environment**

**Air, land and water quality:**  No Impact

**Biodiversity:**  No Impact

**Open and green spaces:**  No Impact

**Built Environment**

**Built Heritage:**  No Impact

**Housing:**  No Impact

**Is the proposal subject to Strategic Environmental Assessment**

No further action is required as it does not qualify as a Plan, Programme or Strategy as defined by the Environment Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005.

**Proposed Mitigating Actions:**

N/A

**Environmental Implications:**

None

**D. Corporate Risk Impacts**

**Corporate Risk Implications:**

**Corporate Risk Mitigating Actions:**