

REDDITCH BOROUGH COUNCIL

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NOTICE OF MOTION – CONCESSIONARY BUS FARES

Relevant Portfolio Holder(s)	Cllr J Pearce
Relevant Head of Service	Head of Legal, Equalities & Democratic Services
Not a Key Decision	

The following Notice of Motion has been submitted in accordance with Standing Order 6 by Councillor William Norton:

“Redditch Borough Council NOTES that:

- 1. the Coalition Government has decided to continue with the policy of the previous government of reorganising the free bus pass system so that in the case of Redditch it will in future be administered by Worcestershire County Council;*
- 2. this will involve a reallocation of central government grants from Redditch Borough Council to Worcestershire County Council from April 2011 at the latest;*
- 3. as a result of this reorganisation the risk is that free bus pass will in future cover only a core service beginning after 9.30 am, which is narrower than the coverage currently provided by the Redditch-administered bus pass;*
- 4. any enhancements to the new bus pass core service will have to be financed by Redditch Borough Council out of other grants and income, and the ability to do so will depend upon the level of grant reallocated from Redditch to Worcestershire County Council by central government;*
- 5. despite the fact that this reorganisation was confirmed by Alistair Darling MP in the December 2009 Pre Budget Report, officers of Worcestershire County Council have informed the Overview & Scrutiny Committee that central government has so far failed to confirm the basis on which the reallocation of funds will take place, or the amounts involved.*

Redditch Borough Council REQUESTS the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive Officer to:

- 1. write to the Department for Transport deploring the unreasonable delay in confirming the basis of the reallocation of funding and requesting an early deadline by which time these matters will be notified to us;*

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2. *use their good offices, together with those of the MP for Redditch, to make the Secretary of State for Transport and other relevant ministers aware of the importance to the residents of Redditch of an early resolution of this issue."*

Proposed by: Cllr William Norton

Seconded by: Cllr Graham Vickery