

# PAPER F

## POLICY COMMISSION ENQUIRY SCOPING DOCUMENT

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<b>RESPONSIBLE BODY</b> Policy Commission for Economy, Tourism, Regeneration and Transport	
<b>ENQUIRY NAME</b> Wight Bus Value for Money	<b>REFERENCE NUMBER</b> E7/05
<b>PROPOSED OUTPUT/S</b> To produce a report determining whether Wight Bus presents Value for Money	<b>RISK</b> High Medium Low
<b>PROPOSED DATE OF INITIATION</b> 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2005	<b>PROPOSED DATE OF COMPLETION</b> TBC – initial report to Cabinet by 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2005
<b>REASON FOR ENQUIRY</b> Administration manifesto commitment	
<b>PROPOSED OUTCOME OF POLICY IMPLEMENTATION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Better VFM for Islanders, in terms of bus provision</li><li>➤ Support for plans for £1 bus ticket (see related projects)</li></ul>	
<b>TERMS OF REFERENCE</b> <p>To employ the procurement model of the Improvement and Development Agency (I&amp;DeA and in doing so:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Consider how closely the services align with and contribute to the achievement of the council's overall goals and priorities.</li><li>➤ Identify the level of support that the Council is able to give these services in support of its overall goals.</li><li>➤ Undertake a cost/benefit analysis of all possible delivery options, in the context of the Council's goals and intended outcomes on this policy.</li><li>➤ Identify the processes necessary in order to achieve the recommended delivery options and the mechanisms for achieving any required changes.</li></ul> <p>And to investigate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Wight Bus cost / passenger numbers / routes</li><li>➤ Comparison with other providers to determine VFM</li><li>➤ Social implications</li><li>➤ Impact upon tourism</li><li>➤ Alternatives to Wight Bus</li><li>➤ Feasibility of expanding Wight Bus</li><li>➤ Investigate whether there is any other competition for Wight Bus routes</li><li>➤ Links with patient transport</li></ul>	

- Impact on delivery of Council services
- Impact of Highways PFI
- Impact of Southern Vectis business status

What will not be included

- Other forms of transport e.g. cars, cycling, walking

**KEY STAKEHOLDERS**

Wight Bus  
 Transport Officers  
 Rural Community Council / “Optio”  
 Customers  
 Citizens panel  
 Other Bus competitors

**RELEVANT CORPORATE AND/OR COMMUNITY STRATEGY/IES**

Corporate Plan

TBC

Community strategy:

Theme 2, “ Improving access to Services and Facilitates” (p.2)

Aim: 2.9: “Promoting competition between transport operators and encourage the availability of advantageous fares for all those who wish to travel (p.41)

**RELATED PROJECTS:**

This Commission: £1 per journey Southern Vectis ticket

**LEAD MEMBER**

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**OFFICER INVOLVEMENT**

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**OTHER RESOURCES REQUIRED**

Specialist Council officer input