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Essex County Council – Uttlesford Bus Service Consultation

Summary

Essex County Council is undertaking a review of the local bus services it pays for in the Uttlesford District via an online consultation, found [here](#), closing 28 February. This consultation does not cover services provided by the commercial bus operators and a second phase will launch in the Spring.

The list of services which are covered in this first phase of consultation are:

Service 5 - Bishop's Stortford to Stansted Airport – Monday to Saturday

Service 6 – Saffron Walden to Stansted Airport – Monday to Saturday

Service 301 – Bishop's Stortford to Saffron Walden – Monday to Saturday

Service 313/313a – Saffron Walden to Great Dunmow – Monday to Saturday

Service 59/60 – Audley End to Haverhill – Monday to Saturday

Recommendation

Councillors are urged to make individual comments as the questions are subjective (i.e., *do you currently use the service and could you make your current journey with the proposed changes*).

However, committee can make a response on behalf of SWTC in support of the changes. The proposed changes include:

Service 5 – consistent routing, via H&E Hospital, increased hourly operation, starting earlier and finishing later

Service 6 – consistent routing, increased hourly operation, one journey in each direction will be numbered 318 on schooldays only and will operate via Saffron Walden County High School.

Service 301 – minor rerouting to include Mortimers Gate, increased hourly operation, one trip in each direction will operate via Saffron Walden County High School on School days only.

Service 313/313A – improved timetable linking Saffron Walden

Service 59/60 – increased hourly operation, starting earlier, and finishing later, improved Saturday service

A regular bus service will allow commuters to take the bus, rather than individually driving to places of work, which will reduce emissions, this is one of SWTC's aims and priorities which says, "Take further positive measures towards implementing the Town Council's goal of being carbon neutral by 2030".

These proposals also match those requested in the Saffron Walden Neighbourhood Plan, that explains meaningful contributions should be made toward public transport. (Policy SW22).

Therefore, Committee is recommended to respond in support of the proposals.