Southampton City Council's Bus Service Improvement Delivery Plan 2025-26

Category of scheme/measure [select from drop down list]	Name of scheme/measure	Additional description of scheme/measure (including intended beneficial outcomes)	Target delivery date	Budget/estimated cost (£k)			(of which) 2025-26 Bus Grant (£k)			(of which) previous years' DfT BSIP funding (£k)			(of which) Other funding (£k)			Notes on other funding sources (identifying non-BSIP funding)
				Capital	Revenue	Total	Capital	Revenue	Total	Capital	Revenue	Total	Capital	Revenue	Total	
Improved information, marketing	Communications	Package of activities to promote buses in Southampton and wider area - e.g. Traveline, Promotional Activities & Campaigns, updates to PT Map	Apr-25		50	50		50	50			0		100	100	
Bus priority infrastructure	City Centre Bus Priority	Development & implementation of package of bus priority schemes for City Centre including - Commercial Road-Above Bar Street at Guildhall Square with 450m becoming 24hr buses from current part time, - Above Bar Street from New Road to Pound Tree Road 290m becoming 24hr bus only from current 8am-6pm, - New Road 150m to potential become bus only road between Park Walk and East Park Terrace, - Above Bar Street/Civic Centre Road junction upgrade and bus priority within the traffic signals. To improve journey time reliability benefiting 90 buses per hour (2-way) on Above Bar Street and 30 buses per hour (2-way) on New Road. Acts as foundation for future Southampton MRT.	Mar-27	1,000		1,000	600		600			0	400		400	Clean Air Fund capital underspend and LTP contribution
Bus priority infrastructure	Corridor 5 (Portswood) Bus Stop & Priority Improvements	Design & implementation of a 160m bus priority and public realm scheme at Portswood Broadway (subject to current trial outcomes) and bus stop improvements along corridor to improve bus journey time reliability on Bluestar 2, Bluestar 20, UniLink U1 & U6 services (40 buses/hr 2-way)	Mar-27	4,000		4,000	2,000		2,000				2,000		2,000	LTP & S106 Developer contributions on Portswood Road
Bus stops/stations/interchanges	Corridor 2 (Shirley) Bus Stop & Priority Improvements	Design & implementation of a corridor approach to general bus stop improvements (bus stop upgrades, RTI, shelters, access routes, security) and bus priority in traffic signals along Shirley Road corridor	Oct-25	348		348	300		300			0	48		48	S106 contributions on Shirley Road
Bus priority infrastructure	Bus Lane Enhancements	Programme to target Highlight surfacing, and refresh and minor extensions to existing bus lanes across Southampton	Jan-26	200		200	200		200			0				
Development of future proposals	Southampton Mass Rapid Transit Development	Feasibility studies to further develop further the proposals for 'Southampton Metro' (a MRT/BRT system) as the next level of bus travel in the Southampton City Region. Studies to develop the network, infrastructure, interchanges, vehicles, depots etc in the City Centre and Eastleigh corridor in more detail. Joing working with Hampshire County Council & Isle of Wight Council	Jun-25		150	150		50	50			0		100	100	TfSE contribution to study
Simpler/more affordable fares	£1 Evening Fares	Continuation of existing successful offer of £1 Evening fares through 2025 to encourage passenger growth	Apr-25		110	110		110	110			0			0	
Bus service support/network development	Service Enhancements and support for commercial bus network	Cost of providing 12 months pump-prime support for service enhancements on 7 bus routes serving Southampton - both cross-city and cross-boundary with Hampshire & Portsmouth commencing in autumn 2025 on a combination of high frequency urban and main cross-boundary services - with daytime, earlier morning/later evening, buses throughout the night, and weekend service enhancements. Also includes funding support for 2 commercial services that are not fully covering operating costs from passenger fares. To improve bus connectivity and hours of service.	Sep-25		482	482		398	398			0		84	84	
Bus service support/network development	Funding for supported bus network	Cost of retendering existing bus service between City-Bitterne-Sholing, Bitterne Shopper Services, City-Shirley and City-Lordshill via Upper Shirley to retain bus connectivity between Sholing, Shirley, Freemantle and Lordshill with the City Centre and around Bitterne to Bitterne District Centre. Includes core SCC budget.	Apr-25		324	324		186	186		138	138			0	SCC Supported Bus core funding
Bus service support/network development	Funding for new bus services	Cost of providing 12 months tendered service for new service using Hill Lane to retain bus connectivity to this area of the city that has been underserved, and to City Centre, Hospital and to Southampton Commont	Apr-25		75	75			0		75	75			0	BSIP+ funding for 2nd year of service
Bus service support/network development	Southampton West Park & Ride	Cost of providing 18 months of funding to launch a trial of new weekend Park & Ride service from Adanac Park to City Centre using the existing Park & Ride facility developed for University Hospital Southampton. To improve bus connectivity and provide a viable option to car for travel into Southampton City Centre at the weekend for leisure, work and retail.	Aug-25		207	207		107	107			0		100	100	Clean Air Fund revenue underspend
Bus stops/stations/interchanges	Programme of Bus Stop Improvements	Bus shetler replacements, bus stop improvements (accessibility, security), installation of additional and maintenance of Real-Time screens across Southampton	Jul-25	302	33	335	290	33	323			0	12		12	S106 contributions
Bus stops/stations/interchanges	Real Time Information at Interchanges	Installing bus RTI in local rail stations where they are served by buses (Sholing, Woolston, Bitterne, Swaythling, Millbrook & Redbridge) to aid connectivity information between modees New RTI totem at Vincents Walk Bus Hub, Above Bar Street and Commercial Road (Art Gallery) in City Centre	Sep-25	150		150	150		150			0			0	
LTA delivery/admin costs	Project Management and Staffing Costs	Bus Service Improvement Plan team staff costs and project management and monitoring of 25/26 Bus Grants	Apr-25 onwards		191	191		191	191			0			0	
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				6,000	1,621	7,621	3,540	1,124	4,664	0	213	213	2,459	384	2,843	