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### Public Transport Options

Public Transport is one of the programmes in the Transport and Urban Development portfolio. For the first year of the Long-Term Plan 2018-28 we are proposing changes to the Public Transport programme as outlined in the **Consultation Document**.(on page 14)

To make comment on the Public Transport proposed changes please complete the selection panel below.

To make comment on the the whole Transport and Urban Development portfolio, please use the tab on the left.

**Please review the options in the Consultation Document and indicate which option you support:**

Option 3 – As Option 1 but larger fare increase, smaller (targeted) rates increase: minimal rates increase, larger fare increase, reduced Total Mobility subsidy and six routes discontinued.

### Public Transport Comments

**Please provide any comments.**

There are many demands for additional routes and increased services. I have two comments.

1. It is my view that services should only be extended where concrete evidence is available which convincingly demonstrates that the extended service will be used by a substantial number of people, regularly. I have seen many public arguments in favour of reinstatement of services in, for example, the Somerfield area. Without concrete, numerical, verifiable evidence of a SIGNIFICANT demand, no extension should be made - there is no point.

For about three years after the earthquakes I watched empty buses being driven on the Somerfield route. There is no point in doing so.

2. If a new service is implemented, or a service extended, that should be conditional on an appropriate level of use being sustained. Perhaps every three months a review should be made to ensure that the level of use is substantial, and if it is not the service needs to be reduced or cancelled forthwith. A stringent level of business management is required: this is only partly a community service.