

## Portfolio Holder Decision

**Subject:** Public Bus Services in Kent – Proposed Withdrawal of 409 Bus

**Taken by:** Cllr Mrs Jill Davison

**Date of decision:** 07/09/11

**Details of Decision:** KCC is proposing to withdraw the 409 commuter service between Hextable, Swanley and Crockenhill from 1 January 2012. The 409 duplicates part of the route provided by the 477, which operates on approximately a one bus per 30 minutes schedule throughout the day. It is agreed that a response should be sent to KCC to suggest that it continues to support those 477 services that it currently subsidises; considers, with Arriva, whether additional 477 buses could be provided; explores opportunities to integrate the 477 timetable with the train timetable at Swanley station; and confirms that Arriva have no plans to withdraw 477 services.

**Documents considered:**

- KCC's Public Bus Services in Kent Consultation: Withdrawal of the 409 in Hextable, Swanley and Crockenhill Report;
- 409 Withdrawal Document (KCC); and
- Minutes of the Environment Select Committee Meeting on 6 September 2011.

**Reasons for Decision:**

The response seeks to ensure that residents of Crockenhill, Hextable and the three Swanley wards do not suffer a significant reduction in their ability to access jobs, shops, services and other forms of public transport as a result of KCC's withdrawal of financial support for the 409 bus.

**Local Member(s), other Portfolio Holders and/or Directors/Heads of Service consulted.**

- Local Members - Cllr Dibsdall, Cllr Ayers, Cllr Brookbank, Cllr Searles, Cllr Fittock, Cllr Underwood, Cllr Ball, Cllr Mrs George, Cllr Mrs Sargeant, Cllr Mrs Ayres, Cllr Mrs Morris.
- Members of the Environment Select Committee on 6 September 2011.
- Director of Community and Planning Services.
- Head of Development Services.

**Signed by Portfolio Holder:**

**Record made by:** V Etheridge

**Date:** 13.09.2011