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Sent by email to all Medway Operators

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Dear Operator



Medway Concessionary Travel Scheme Notice in accordance with S.95(1) of the Transport Act 1985 and S.150(1) of the Transport Act 2000

Following agreement by the Travel Concession Authority, I am pleased to enclose the Scheme Documents which set out the proposed arrangements to commence on 1st April 2025. Enclosed you will find:

Scheme Definition and Arrangements for Reimbursement

The 2024/25 Scheme will cease with effect from 1 April 2025, and we now give notice on behalf of the Travel Concession Authority of the proposed Scheme that will take effect on that date.

Final Scheme Arrangements have to be determined by the Travel Concession Authority so that they can be published 28 days in advance of the date on which they take effect. The new Scheme will commence on 1 April 2025 and final arrangements must therefore be published on or by 3 March 2025. You will be aware that you have 56 days after the new scheme comes into operation for appeals to be lodged.

We will of course be prepared to discuss the scheme if you have any concerns.

We received the DfT's preferred method of reimbursement for 2025/26 on 20th November and there are no significant changes in the Guidance. Any changes in the Calculator will include inflation updates and we wait until we calculate factors in January/February before we can fully assess. We will be applying the same methodology for the £3 fare cap as the £2 fare cap top-up was calculated.

As we anticipate reverting to calculating reimbursement on an actual basis, we would ask you to complete the attached prediction of fares increases so that accurate factors can be calculated. You will be advised of these with the final scheme publication in March. If you have any questions at all concerning the arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact me or one of the MCL Team.

Yours sincerely

Anne Clark

Mrs Anne Clark Managing Director