

REPORT OF CABINET MEMBER, TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT

PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND LOCAL BUS OVERVIEW

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of the report, which will be accompanied by a presentation at the meeting, is to provide the Committee with an overview of the Council's public transport and local bus arrangements, to inform the scrutiny process.

Information

2. The Council has a fully integrated transport function with an overall annual revenue budget of approximately £30m. The Council's transport function incorporates:
 - School transport policy development and home to school transport provision.
 - Adult Social Care (ASC) transport to day service provision, provided by the Council's fleet. The fleet also provide some local bus services and school transport.
 - Independent Travel training to help SEN students develop skills to travel independently on the local bus network
 - Local bus service policy development, and the commissioning and monitoring of some local bus services
 - Local bus and tram concession arrangements and ticketing development
 - Bus station and bus stop management
 - The co-ordination of bus service and bus infrastructure improvements in conjunction with commercial bus operators.
 - The development of Enhanced Partnerships and Bus Service Improvement Plans in conjunction with local bus operators to deliver local and national public transport/bus priorities.
3. The accompanying presentation provides further information on each of these areas of activity to inform the Committee's considerations.

Financial Implications

4. Budgetary information for individual transport functions will be set out in the accompanying presentation.

Public Sector Equality Duty implications

5. Equality Impact Assessments are carried out where appropriate for any changes to policy or transport processes.

RECOMMENDATION/S

1. Members consider and comment on the report and accompanying presentation.
2. Members identify the public transport areas of activity that they would like to explore further and determine how this could be carried out.

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Constitutional Comments (LPW 20.09.2022)

6. The recommendations fall within the remit of the Place Select Committee by virtue of its terms of reference

Financial Comments (SES 13/09/2022)

7. There are no specific financial implications arising directly from this report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

- [Transport and Environment committee – 4 May 2022 - National Bus Strategy: Public Transport Update](#)
- [Report To Cabinet Member Transport & Environment 6 September 2022 – Bus Network Review](#)
- [Report To Cabinet Member Transport & Environment 26 September 2022 – Enhanced Partnership and Bus Service Improvement Plan](#)

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All