



**6<sup>th</sup> February 2013**

**Agenda Item:**

## **REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TRANSPORT, PROPERTY AND ENVIRONMENT**

### **SHORT NOTICE CHANGES TO THE LOCAL / COMMERCIAL BUS SERVICE NETWORK IN BASSETLAW**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To advise Committee of proposed changes to the local and commercial bus service network in the Bassetlaw area the termination of contracts operated by Yourbus. The details of the changes are shown in the Appendix.
2. To seek approval to enter new service agreements with Stagecoach East Midlands.

#### **Reasons for Recommendations**

3. The recommendation and continued financial support meets the objectives of promoting public transport, reducing congestion, promoting economic recovery and offers travel choice. Enhanced services between Nottingham and the North of the County and increased access to the Sherwood Visitor Centre will also be beneficial to Nottinghamshire.

#### **Statutory and Policy Implications**

4. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, the public sector equality duty, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

#### **Implications for Service Users**

5. The provision of local bus services enables users to access key services, jobs, education, training and leisure. The revised pattern of services will improve the opportunity to travel and provide through ticketing facilities.

## **Financial Implications**

6. The new arrangements costing £115k per annum will be contained within the current budget, additional Sunday costs can be funded from the contract savings of £80k.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that Committee approves:

- 1) The proposals for the Bassetlaw area bus network between Retford, Worksop, Ollerton and Nottingham as set out in the report.
- 2) The award of the service subsidy agreement with SEM for the revised Sherwood Arrow service and support for a summer Sunday service to the Sherwood Visitor Centre on a trial basis.
- 3) Competitive tendering for the remaining Yourbus services to operate from April 2013.

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## **Constitutional Comments (SHB )**

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## **Financial Comments (DJK )**

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## **Background Papers**

Timetables for the new or varied services March 2013

Proposals and costs from SEM 4<sup>th</sup> February 2013

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

## **Electoral Divisions and Members Affected**

All