SCRUTINY COMMISSION - 31 OCTOBER 2001

COMMENTS OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (AT ITS MEETING ON 29 OCTOBER 2001) ON:

BEST VALUE REVIEW OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES - OUTCOME OF CONSULATION AND DRAFT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

The Committee considered the Cabinet's response to the outcome of consultation and the Draft Implementation Plan resulting from the Best Value Review of Public Transport Services.

RESOLVED:-

- (a) That the Cabinet's decision be noted; and
- (b) that the Scrutiny Commission be advised that the Committee broadly supports the Cabinet's response and the Draft Implementation Plan, but that the Cabinet be asked to consider the following comments:
 - the Committee welcomed the suggested attempts to improve the provision and frequency of bus services but had some doubts as to the practicalities in achieving the objectives (for example, recruitment of bus drivers);
 - (ii) the Committee supported the proposed expansion of community bus services, subject to this being achieved by encouraging development of services by parish councils and local communities.