

**SECOND REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY REVIEW PANEL ON THE
COUNTY COUNCIL'S 95% BUS COVERAGE POLICY 2013**

B. Revised Policy on the Supported Bus Network

18. The Panel is recommending that the following be adopted as the future policy:-

- a) The County Council will seek to meet the essential transport needs of Leicestershire residents through the provision of transport solutions;
- b) The delivery of these transport solutions will be subject to periodic tests on levels of use and affordability and value for money;
- c) Passenger transport will be provided by a mix of conventional bus services for higher demand areas, supplemented by provision of less frequent services by minibuses and taxi type vehicles (in areas of low usage);
- d) Fares on all services will be broadly comparable with the fares charged on commercial bus services.

19. Essential transport needs of residents are defined as follows (all subject to a test around value for money):

- Shopping and Personal Business;
- Healthcare;
- Social Activity and Wellbeing;
- Work.

20. Other needs such as providing access to training and education, tackling congestion and reducing carbon emissions, will be met wherever possible, but would not be classified as priorities when determining the commissioning and design of transport provision. The type of transport solution provided would be on the basis of value for money and affordability in proportion to identified demand.

21. The Panel noted that the proposed policy set out above had a strategic fit with the Local Transport Plan 3. The LTP3 identifies six overall priorities, three of which are relevant when considering public transport, viz:-

- Supporting the local economy;
- Encouraging active and sustainable travel;
- Improving connectivity and accessibility.

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