

Submission to Cabinet10th February 2023

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Item 6: PASSENGER TRANSPORT POLICY AND STRATEGY

The report as presented to cabinet recommends

‘The recommencement of the review of all supported passenger transport services in line with the Council’s Passenger Transport Policy and Strategy be noted;’

The paper also states that there is no need to consult more widely as this was undertaken in 2018.

The Labour Group would like to request that the PTPS document is fully refreshed (as suggested in para 13) and the requirement to consult more widely based on the following:

- The PTPS was written in 2018 and superseded the 2013 plan. Meaning that the current document replaced the previous version after 5 years. It will be 5 years since the current plan was last consulted upon.
- The current plan references the 2018-2022 Strategic Plan, which has been replaced by the 2022-26 Strategic Plan. The current plan references five strategic outcomes Clean and Green, Great Communities, Improved Opportunities, Strong Economy, Safe and Well. A refreshed PTPS will enable alignment with the Councils five strategic objectives.
- A case-by-case bus service review on as many services loses strategic direction as it will not consider the wider impacts of bus service changes.
- The situation in 2023 is much more significant than in 2018. The MTFS presented in 2022 identified a deficit position by year 2 of the MTFS, and this was before the papers presented to Cabinet today. We do need to consider how this is reflected in the PTPS.
- The current PTPS already presents some inconsistencies of approach eg: the importance of securing infrastructure from developers is noted but this raises expectations of bus users for raised curbs, bus laybys, flags, information, lighting and shelters which are not being met in para 11.1

Finally, the Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee have recently agreed to a review of bus services (including non-subsidy routes), recognising that some communities are seeing inconsistent and unreliable services. The PTPS being refreshed would enable the County to consider the passenger experiences across all services.

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