

**HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY  
COMMITTEE – 5 SEPTEMBER 2024**

**IMPROVING PASSENGER TRANSPORT THROUGH A REFRESHED  
BUS SERVICE IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

**MINUTE EXTRACT**

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Environment and Transport which informed members of work associated with the refresh of the Leicestershire Bus Service Improvement Plan. A copy of the report marked 'Agenda Item 9' is filed with these minutes.

Members welcomed the work undertaken on the Plan, noting that timescales had been tight, and commended it as cohesive and aspirational. It was noted that the extent of delivery would be dependent on the level of Government funding available, with an estimated £100 million required to support the ongoing delivery of the full ambitions in the Plan.

Members also welcomed the use of Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) and were pleased to note that there were anecdotal success stories alongside constructive feedback of the pilot with Fox Connect. Service users had welcomed the flexibility and ability to connect with clubs and other social activities that they would otherwise have been unable to attend. It was suggested that some case studies should be used to promote the use of DRT.

The Lead Member for Highways and Transport welcomed the report and supported Members comments on the success of DRT. He felt that the current funding model did not enable long term planning and this could cause challenges.

**RESOLVED:**

- a) That the comments made by Members of the Committee be presented to the Cabinet in September 2024.
- b) That the report be noted.

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