

SCRUTINY BOARD (CITY DEVELOPMENT)

WEDNESDAY, 17TH MAY, 2017

PRESENT: Councillor P Truswell in the Chair

Councillors A Ogilvie, D Ragan, E Taylor,
C Towler and P Wadsworth

73 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were no disclosable pecuniary interests declared at the meeting.

74 Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitutes

Apologies for absence were submitted by Cllr N Dawson, Cllr N Buckley, Cllr P Davey, Cllr S Lay & Cllr G Latty.

75 Minutes - 26 April 2017

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on the 26th April 2017 be approved as a correct record with the amendment of resolution C in relation to Employment Growth and Access to Opportunities.

76 Advancing Bus Service Provision - Draft Scrutiny Inquiry Report

The Head of Governance and Scrutiny Support submitted a report which presented for approval the draft scrutiny inquiry report 'Advancing Bus Service Provision'.

The following were in attendance:

- Dave Pearson, Director for Transport Services (WYCA)
- Gary Bartlett, Chief Officer Highways & Transportation

The key areas for discussion were:

- Clarity was sought regarding further involvement of Community Committees within the ongoing transport conversation. The board was advised that attendance to all Community Committees will commence in Autumn 2017 following the approval of Executive Board in June 2017.
- The need to prioritise improvements surrounding 'community to community' bus service provision.
- The need to ensure that bus operators meet the commitments that have been made and deliver outcomes in terms of improving fleet and increasing patronage.

- The need to ensure that bus operators are providing the necessary services to new housing development sites across the city.
- The board's request to fully investigate the requirements of the Secretary of State for Transport regarding franchising powers following the introduction of the Bus Services Act. The board was advised that clarity would be provided.
- The need for improvements in both bus service advertising and city-wide congestion in order to achieve increased patronage levels.

RESOLVED-

- a) That the Board approves the draft scrutiny inquiry report 'Advancing Bus Service Provision'.
- b) Further clarity regarding key areas for discussion as identified to be brought back to the board in the first quarter of 2018.