

## **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PERFORMANCE BOARD 5 DECEMBER 2018**

### **DRAFT SCRUTINY REPORT: BUS AND COMMUNITY TRANSPORT PROVISION**

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#### **Summary**

1. The Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board (OSPB) is asked to consider and approve the attached draft scrutiny report of the Bus and Community Transport Provision Task Group.

#### **Background**

2. At its meeting on 13 September 2018, the Council unanimously agreed the following Notice of Motion:

"The Council is concerned at the unexpected cuts in bus services announced by First and Diamond bus companies in August which take effect on 17 and 3 September respectively.

We welcome the undertaking that the Council will carry out a fundamental review of its entire subsidised services which will involve a public consultation exercise.

We ask that this review is supported by an urgent cross-party scrutiny into current bus and community transport provision which should include the availability of transport at crucial times of the day to get to work, to school or college, to medical appointments and for shopping. The scrutiny exercise should be completed by middle/late November to feed into the 2019/20 budget-setting process."

3. The OSPB agreed at its meeting on 26 September 2018 that a Scrutiny Task Group led by Councillor Chris Bloore would be set up to scrutinise this issue. The findings of the scrutiny would feed into the Council's review of subsidised services and also into the 2019/20 budget setting process.

#### **Terms of Reference**

4. The terms of reference for the scrutiny exercise were to investigate current bus and community/alternative transport provision including the availability of transport at crucial times of the day to get to work, to school or college, to medical appointments and for shopping.

## OSPB's Role

5. One of the OSPB's roles is to monitor the quality of scrutinies that are carried out to ensure that scrutiny reports are robust and evidence based, and that they follow the terms of reference agreed by the OSPB.
6. To help with this, the Task Group's lead has provided the OSPB with regular verbal updates on the progress of the scrutiny.

## Next Steps

7. Once the Board is content, the Scrutiny Report will be considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 13 December 2018.

## Purpose of the Meeting

8. The OSPB is now invited to consider, comment on and approve the attached Scrutiny Report.

## Supporting Information

Appendix 1- Draft Scrutiny Report: Bus and Community Transport Provision (to follow)

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## Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Head of Legal and Democratic Services) the following are the background papers relating to the subject matter of this report:

- Agenda and minutes of the OSPB meeting on [26 September 2018](#)
- Agenda and minutes for Council on [13 September 2018](#)

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