

COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

Explanatory Note

The Leader of the Council has established Delegation Schemes by which certain decisions may be made by the relevant cabinet member or specific officers.

Cabinet member decisions are subject to review under the Call-in Procedure.

From the date the notice of the decision made is published there are five working days during which any five Councillors may sign a request for the decision to be reviewed (called in) and deliver it to the Proper Officer.

If, at the end of the period, no request has been made, the decision may be implemented. If a valid call- in request has been made, the matter will be referred to the Scrutiny Panel

Part A – To be completed by the appropriate Cabinet Member/Officer

Title of Report

ECC Consultation Essex Bus Service Improvement Plan

Delegated Power

To promote and procure the implementation of the Borough Council's Transport Strategy in partnership with Essex County Council, the responsible Transport Authority and other partners to improve infrastructure.

Decision Taken

Recommended Decisions

To agree the response (see Appendix 1) to the ECC consultation, which will help increase bus passenger numbers, thereby helping the Council meet its sustainability objectives, and improve communities' connectivity; and promote the town centre as a major destination to work and visit.

To request that CBC is closely involved with ECC and others in the resulting development of the Colchester EP to ensure it aligns with the Council's plans and policies.

Key Decision

No

Forward Plan

N/A

Reasons for the Decision

The Council has a number of strategies and policies that reflect the importance it places on encouraging sustainability, including in the choices for sustainable modes of transport. Documents such as the Strategic Plan, and the Local Plan, show the Council's aspirations to encourage greater modal shift from private cars to sustainable transport. To give residents, visitors and employees genuine opportunity, the public transport network needs to provide realistic alternative choices. Buses can play an important part in this choice.

ECC are the responsible authority for this work; however this Council would wish to support ECC in their role as the lead Transport Authority, by working closely with them and with operators to improve bus use in the borough.

Alternative Options

To not respond to the consultation. This would mean losing the opportunity to influence ECC on helping increase bus patronage in the borough, thereby not improving air quality for residents or tackling traffic congestion.

Conflict of Interest

None

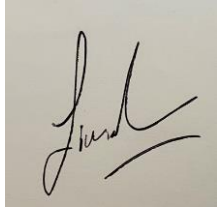
Dispensation by Head of Paid Service

N/A

Dispensation by Monitoring Officer

N/A

Approved by Portfolio Holder for Environment and Sustainability

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Signature Cllr Simon Crow

Date 26 November 2021

(**NB** For Key Decisions the report must be made available to the public for five clear days prior to the period for call-in commencing)

Part B – To be completed by the Proper Officer (Democratic Services)

Portfolio Holder Decision Reference Number

ENV-003-21

Implementation Date

This decision can be implemented if no request for the decision to be reviewed (call-in) has been made **after 5pm on 6 December 2021**

Call-in Procedure

The Decision Notice for this decision was published on the internet on **29 November 2021**

A request for reference to the Scrutiny Panel must be made by **5pm on 6 December 2021**

Richard Clifford