

LABOUR & CO-OPERATIVE GROUP AMENDMENT

SUPPORTED BUS SERVICE NETWORK

To delete recommendation 2.2 and replace with a new 2.2 and to insert two additional recommendations 2.3 and 2.4 as shown in bold italics:

~~2.2 That contracts for the additional services, shown in paragraph 3.14, are not awarded on the grounds of insufficient budget.~~

RECOMMENDATIONS:

2.1 That the Policy & Resources Committee award contracts for the supported bus routes as set out in Appendix 1 in agenda item 14 which is a Part Two Report;

2.2 ***That Policy & Resources Committee agrees, in principle, to the award of the contracts and continuation of the services listed in paragraph 3.14 of the report for one year.***

2.3 ***That the Strategic Director: Place (in consultation with the Leaders of the three political groups), be authorised to take all steps necessary to the continuation of the services and award of the contracts as detailed in paragraph 3.14 of the report for year, including compliance the necessary procurement and Transport Act processes,***

2.4 ***That P&R notes the financial implications as set out in the note from the Director of Finance.***

Proposed by Cllr Gill Mitchell

Seconded by Cllr Les Hamilton

Supported Bus Routes – Labour Amendment

Comments of the Chief Finance Officer

The continuation for one year of the supported bus routes identified in para 3.14 of the Part 1 report would cost a minimum of £229,000. The procurement process undertaken to award these contracts was for a period of 4 years. A one year contract on these routes would be a material departure from that advertised. Therefore a further EU compliant procurement process would be required which would take an estimated 3-4 months. A short term contract would therefore need to be let in the interim with the existing operator for these routes because the current contract cannot be further extended. It is likely that the short term contract with the existing operator and the new contract for potentially 6-9 months (after taking into account the procurement timetable and any necessary notification period to the transport commissioner) would have higher costs than those quoted for a 4 year period.

Note that if the Labour amendment in relation to item 7 is not carried, a further report would need to be brought to this committee to identify the funding source.