

REPORT TO: Environment and Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board

DATE: 16 June 2010

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director, Environment and Economy

SUBJECT: Nominations of Members to the Halton Public Transport Advisory Panel - Municipal Year 2010/11.

WARDS: Boroughwide.

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 The purpose of the Report is to seek nominations of Members to sit on the Council's Public Transport Liaison Panel for the Municipal Year 2010/11, and report on the key issues discussed / raised by the Panel when it met during the Municipal Year 2009/10.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That

- 1) the Chair of the Environment and Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board, in consultation with the Executive Board Member for Transportation, nominates a Chair and three Members to the Public Transport Liaison Panel and for the Member nominated as the Chair to agree such deputies, as may be required from time to time;**
- 2) the Board endorse the nominations; and**
- 3) the key issues discussed by the Panel during the Municipal Year 2009/10, as set out in Appendix One of the Report, are noted.**

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 At the start of each Municipal Year, it is necessary to nominate a Chair and three other Members to attend meetings of the Halton Public Transport Liaison Panel.

3.2 The purpose of the Halton Public Transport Liaison Panel is to:-

- Monitor the performance of the public transport network within the Borough to ensure it meets the mobility needs of local communities;
- To make recommendations to the Environment and Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board on future

developments and improvements to the conventional local public transport network; and

- To review and comment on the effectiveness of the Council's public transport priorities.

3.3 A summary of the key issues discussed at the Halton Public Transport Liaison Panel, during 2009/10, is shown in Appendix 1

3.4 The Board is asked to support those nominations proposed by the Chair of the Environment and Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board, in consultation with the Executive Board Member for Transportation, which will be announced at the meeting.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None

5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Children and Young People in Halton

It is widely recognised that good quality and affordable public transport services can help to improve access to key facilities for children and young people within the Borough. A key role of the Halton Public Transport Liaison Panel is to review progress and comment on emerging initiatives.

6.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton

Halton Borough Council and its partners continue to provide a wide range of accessible and affordable public transport services within the Borough aimed at improving access to key employment, learning and training facilities within the Borough. These are reported at meetings of the Halton Public Transport Liaison Panel.

6.3 A Healthy Halton

Improving access to health care facilities is acknowledged as a key priority in the Halton Access Plan and Halton Local Transport Plan 2006/7 – 2010/11. Progress on achieving these improvements are reported and discussed at the Halton Public Transport Liaison Panel.

6.4 A Safer Halton

No direct implications.

6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

Improving access to key regeneration areas by sustainable forms of transport including public transport, walking and cycling is widely

acknowledged as playing a key role in sustainable regeneration and urban renewal. The Halton Public Transport Liaison Panel plays a key role in discussing and shaping the future direction of those initiatives associated with public transport within Halton.

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

7.1 There are no risks associated with the report.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

8.1 Good quality and affordable public transport services can play a key role in ensuring all sections of the community can access a wide range of facilities.

9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

9.1 There are no background documents under the meaning of this Act.

Appendix One

Summary of the key Issues discussed at the Halton Public Transport Advisory Panel – Municipal Year 2009/10.

Meeting held Tuesday, 9 June 2009

1.CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF HALTON BOROUGH TRANSPORT LTD

Chris Adams gave a presentation on the key highlights of the development of Halton Borough Transport Ltd which is celebrating its Centenary in 2009.

The Panel received and noted the presentation.

2.UPDATE ON THE MERSEY GATEWAY PROJECT

Dave Owen (Mersey Gateway Team) gave an update on the progress being made with the planning of this major scheme.

The Panel resolved to note the issues raised in the presentation

3.HALTON KICKSTART BID 2009

David Hall summarised progress being made by Halton Borough Council to submit a bid to the Department for Transport (DfT) in July for local bus “Kickstart” funding. The Government have made available £25m nationally to local authorities. Revenue funding will be available to bus operators for a period of 3 years to “pump prime” service improvements. Thereafter operators are expected to run the services on a fully commercial basis.

The Panel welcomed the proposals and resolved to endorse the bid.

Meeting held Thursday 12th November

1.BUS SERVICE CHANGES

The Board considered the report of the Team Leader, Network Development which noted the recent changes to the local public transport services.

The Panel resolved that the information be noted

2.HALTON EXPLORER

The Group received a report which provided an update on the 2009 Halton Explorer Bus Service subsidised by HBC and

operated by Halton Community Transport.

3.DOOR 2 DOOR

The Panel was advised of a range of issues relating to Door 2 Door services provided in the Borough including passenger transport on behalf of Health and Community and Children and Young People's Directorates as well as various services provided by Halton Community Transport.

The Panel resolved that the information be noted

4.TRAVEL WATCH NW UPDATE

The Panel received a report which provided an update from the latest TravelWatch North West Meeting.

The Panel resolved that the information be noted