

REPORT TO: Urban Renewal Policy & Performance Board

DATE: 17 September 2008

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director, Environment

SUBJECT: Nomination of Members to The Halton Public Transport Advisory Panel

WARDS: Boroughwide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 The purpose of the report is to agree nominations of Members to sit on the Council's Public Transport Advisory Panel for the 2008/09 municipal year.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the Board agree the nominations to sit on Halton Public Transport Advisory Panel for 2008/9 are Councillor Hignett (Chair) and Councillors Morley, Polhill and Hodgkinson.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 Each year it is necessary to nominate Members to sit on the Halton Public Transport Advisory Panel in accordance with the resolution of the Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board, (21st June 2006 - Minute URB12). This being: that the Chair of Urban Renewal PPB, in consultation with the Executive Board Holder should nominate at the start of each municipal year the Chair and three Members to attend the Halton Public Transport Advisory Panel.

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

- Monitor the performance of the public transport network within the Borough to ensure it meets the mobility needs of local people and the principles of Best Value;
- To make recommendations to the Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board for the future development and improvement to the public transport network; and
- To review and comment on the effectiveness of the Council's public transport priorities.

3.3 The Members suggested as nominations to sit on the Halton Public Transport Advisory Panel for the 2008/09 municipal year have been agreed as follows:

- Chair – Councillor Hignett
- Councillors Morley, Polhill and Hodgkinson

The Board is asked to agree these nominations.

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 Advisory 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 Advisory Panel.

6.3 A Healthy Halton

Improving access to health care facilities is acknowledged as a key priority of the Halton Access Plan and 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 Advisory Panel plays a key role in discussing and shaping the future direction of these initiatives within Halton.

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

Not Applicable

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

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.