

Cabinet Response to the Reduction in Bus Services Task Group Scrutiny Report

Introduction

At the Cabinet meeting on 5th October 2011 consideration was given to the report of the Task Group on the Reduction in Bus Services. The Leader welcomed the Chairman of the Task Group, Councillor C. J. Bloore to the meeting and invited him to introduce the report.

Councillor Bloore gave background information on the reasons for establishing the Task Group and the sequence of events subsequent to this. There was a detailed discussion on the recommendations

Response to recommendations

Please find below responses to the recommendations contained within the scrutiny report:

Recommendation 1

That within the Council Constitution, the Corporate Delegations in respect of Consultation Documents be amended as follows:

“**Detail** - To respond to Consultations by the County Council

Delegated to: That consultations routinely go to full Council for debate. However when there are timescale or other issues which would prevent this then the Chief Executive responds in consultation with the relevant Ward Members.”

Cabinet Response

- (a) that the spirit of the recommendation be approved but that officers be requested to report back to Overview and Scrutiny Board with suitable wording in order to amend the Constitution; and
- (b) that it be ensured that the amendment to the Constitution recognises that there may be occasions when this Council is not consulted formally by the County Council on proposals but which Members may still wish to debate at Council by way of a Notice of Motion.

(revised wording attached)

Implementation Date:

Recommendation 2

That the Council support Worcestershire County Council by contacting the bus operators, Black Diamond and Johnson's Coaches to make representations for the 204 service to be reinstated and for clarification on the future of the X50 service.

Cabinet Response

That the recommendation be supported but that in order that there is a specific point of contact on this matter, the letter be sent to the Portfolio Holder for Transport at the County Council rather than the bus operators.

Implementation Date: November 2011

The Leader thanked the Task Group for their work in producing the report which had provoked an interesting debate.

Councillor Mrs. M. A. Sherrey JP - Portfolio Holder for Community Services.