

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Response to Worcestershire County Council Passenger
Transport Strategy
Cabinet 4th September 2019**

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Relevant Portfolio Holder	Cllr A Kent
Portfolio Holder Consulted	Yes
Relevant Head of Service	Ruth Bamford
Wards Affected	All
Ward Councillor Consulted	N/A

1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

- 1.1 In June 2019 Worcestershire County Council published its Passenger Transport Strategy (The strategy) for consultation. The strategy is seen as a positive step in addressing how public transport across Bromsgrove will operate in the future and is to be supported. The BDC response is attached at Appendix A. The Strategy is listed as a background document and has been circulated to all members previously.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **That Cabinet recommend to Council that the response at Appendix A to the Worcestershire County Council Passenger Transport Strategy is endorsed.**

3. KEY ISSUES

Financial Implications

- 3.1 There are no financial implications of this report

Legal Implications

- 3.3 There are no Legal implications of this report

Service / Operational Implications

- 3.5 The strategy contains 8 sections covering the Statutory Duties of WCC in relation to passenger transport, scene setting, geography and demographics, and the aim and objectives of the strategy. Then follows the more substantial elements of Home to School and Social Care Transport, Information & Infrastructure, and Delivery.
- 3.6 The comments at appendix A have been structured where possible to follow the questions in the questionnaire produced by WCC, where

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there was no specific question, the relevant sub heading from the Strategy have been used to give the comment context.

- 3.7 In general terms officers are happy that the strategy is a positive step in the right direction and is a document which will help inform other strategies and plans such as the review of the Bromsgrove District Plan. Further close working with WCC on the Strategic Transport Assessment will help to ensure that the aims and objectives of the strategy can then be translated into delivery through the planning process where possible and appropriate.

Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications

- 3.8 Access to public transport services is an essential part of daily life for many of the districts residents. Ensuring services are maintained and enhanced in a sustainable way is vitally important. Whilst BDC has no direct control over many element of public transport provision. In responding to this consultation it's clear that BDC see it has a role to play working with WCC, to ensure that services are maintained, increased, and modernised wherever possible.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 4.1 There are no risks associated with this report

5. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – BDC response to Passenger Transport Strategy

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

WCC Passenger Transport Strategy Consultation Document

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