

CABINET

24 MAY 2024

REFERENCE REPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

A.12 SCRUTINY OF MAINSTREAM AND COMMUNITY TRANSPORT PROVISION IN THE DISTRICT

(Report prepared by Keith Durran)

BACKGROUND

The Community Leadership Overview and Scrutiny Committee (“the Committee”) at its meeting held on 23 April 2024, considered a final report from its Mainstream and Community Transport Provision Task and Finish Group, which had been submitted following that Group’s conclusion of its enquiry concerning Transport. The Committee had been provided, as the material for them to consider, the final Mainstream and Community Transport Provision Task & Finish Group following its enquiry concerning Transport. The report is attached as Appendix 1.

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE’S RECOMMENDATION(S) TO CABINET

RECOMMENDED TO CABINET:

- a) Hold a summit with local transport providers including Heddingham and Chambers and Greater Anglia, to seek to improve the frequency, reliability and quality of local public transport services;
- b) Support advocacy for an improved rail service from Clacton, moving to a half hourly service;
- c) Take advantage of levelling up funding where available to support improved public transport;
- d) Engage with ECC and providers on the potential for Demand Responsive Transport to supplement the current public transport offer;
- e) Advocate where possible for services to be brought to coastal areas so that there is less need to travel for education and health care;
- f) Ask Heddingham to review the provision of a bus stop to support the new Marks and Spencer’s store at Brook Park West, the Crematorium and the potential for park and ride to Clacton at peak tourist season building on the experience of the Airshow;
- g) Prioritise gaining developer contributions for new bus routes in the delivery of the revised Local Plan; and that
- h) Councils should take these recommendations into account when developing the Tendring Future Transport Strategy (ECC) and the Local Plan (TDC).

PORTFOLIO HOLDER COMMENT(S) AND RECOMMENDATION(S) TO CABINET

The response of the Economic Growth, Regeneration and Tourism Portfolio Holder to the Community Leadership Overview & Scrutiny Committee's recommendations are as follows:-

"I welcome the work completed by the Task and Finish Group and the report of the Community Leadership Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Improvements to public and community transport are of critical importance to residents in a coastal district like Tendring, and I recognise the challenges faced by our residents seeking to get about the district without a car. I endorse these recommendations and in particular commit to organising a summit of local transport providers in 2024."

RECOMMENDATIONS TO CABINET:

That the recommendations made by the Community Leadership Overview & Scrutiny Committee be noted and that the response of the Economic Growth, Regeneration and Tourism Portfolio Holder thereto be endorsed.