

PUBLIC TRANSPORT REVIEW – SCOPING STUDY

Councillors requesting item: Councillor A. Mandry

Issue	Review of public transport provision in the Borough to define and clarify the current service provision, and to identify possible actions for working more effectively with those organisations responsible for delivering such services to meet the needs of the local communities through our community leadership role.
Background	<p>There is strong interest in retaining and enhancing current public transport facilities to provide a more attractive offer for residents and businesses in Fareham Borough Council.</p> <p>It is considered that there may be opportunities to harness existing bus service operation and infrastructure in order to provide a platform for planned growth in homes and workplaces associated with major developments in the Borough.</p>
Objective & Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define FBC’s existing role as a Planning Authority – includes policy development and influencing HCC’s Passenger Transport Group and other stakeholders. • Baseline exercise to define existing bus services in Fareham and Gosport including private contracted services (eg by Fareham College), services operated by voluntary groups and subsidised services currently under threat of withdrawal by HCC. • Determine developer requirements and aspirations, including transport strategies for Welborne (including BRT extensions) and Solent Enterprise Zone at Daedalus. • Review existing and planned services by Network Rail and taxi operators and interchange arrangements. • Assess responsibilities for provision of bus infrastructure provision and timetabling and publicity material.
Proposed Way Forward	<p>It is proposed that an informal Member Working Group of Panel Members be established to steer the review to be undertaken, and consider the initial findings.</p> <p>Liaise with First Bus to build a better relationship with the principal bus service operator in Fareham.</p>
Key Dates	Presentation of Public Transport Review findings at a future meeting of the Panel (suggested 4 November 2014 meeting).