

NOTICE OF MEETING

CABINET MEMBER FOR TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION

WEDNESDAY, 8 MARCH 2023 AT 2.00 PM

COUNCIL CHAMBER - THE GUILDHALL, PORTSMOUTH

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Councillor Lynne Stagg (Liberal Democrat)

Group Spokespersons

Councillor Graham Heaney, Labour Councillor Scott Payter-Harris, Conservative

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AGENDA

- 1 Apologies
- 2 Declarations of Members' Interests
- **3 Supported Bus Services** (Pages 5 26)

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this paper is to seek approval to maintain public transport links for residents in response to the deregistration of three supported and one commercial bus service.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transportation:

- 1. Approves the tender of the current supported bus service contracts to start 30 July 2023. To delegate authority to the Director of Regeneration in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transportation and Section 151 Officer to procure contracts on the above supported bus routes;
- 2. Approves the tender of a replacement for the currently commercial bus service 18 to start 30 July 2023. To delegate authority to the Director of Regeneration in consulation with the Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transportation and Section 151 Officer to procure contracts on the above bus route;
- 3. Approves funding for the 13/14 and 22 bus services from 2 April 2023 to 29 July 2023 to maintain transport links for residents, the cost to be met firstly from any underspends in the 2023/24 Concessionary Fares revenue budget and any balance from the Parking Reserve;
- 4. Approves the use of Portsmouth Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) expenditure to enhance services including 13, 14, 18, 22 and 25 subject to investigation of options as detailed in the Portsmouth BSIP. To delegate authority to the Director of Regeneration in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transportation and Section 151 Officer to procure contracts on the above supported bus routes to enhance services;
- 5. To procure any necessary local bus services as a result of commercial de-registrations or the cessation Bus Recovery Grant in March 2023 to 28 October 2023 with delegated authority to the Director of Regeneration in consultation with Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transportation and Section 151 Officer;
- 6. Notes that a paper will be brought back to a Traffic and Transportation Cabinet meeting in June 2023, following the completion of the procurement process to re-tender the contracts and recommend awards. This paper would also deal with any shortterm procurements as a result of commerical de-registrations or the cessation of Bus Recovery Grant in March 2023.

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