

Annex E

Economic Development & Transport Policy & Scrutiny Committee

Pre-Decision Call-In: Delivery of Reductions in the Subsidised Bus Service Budget

EDAT recommendations to the Executive Member for Transport & Planning ahead of his Decision Session on 2 June

- (i) That, in view of the significance of the decision on local communities, consideration be given to referring the decision to the Executive rather than the Executive Member for Transport and Planning.
- (ii) That, prior to any decision being made, a new Community Impact Assessment be undertaken to give greater consideration to the impact of any changes on gender and on young people, particularly in respect of any safety and security issues if bus routes were to be removed or reduced.
- (iii) That consideration be given to exploring alternative sources of funding, for example the possibility of utilising ward funding, to mitigate the proposed reduction of financial support from the Council.
- (iv) That, prior to any decision being taken, consultation should take place with bodies omitted from the original consultation, for example Residents' Associations, and with those Parish Councils who had not had an opportunity to respond to the original consultation within the timescales that had been set.
- (v) That the outcome of the consultation be considered as part of the decision-making process, including any alternative suggestions put forward.
- (vi) That consideration be given to address the concerns that had been raised regarding service routes 10 and 20, particularly as to how they affect travellers to schools, hospitals, Monks Cross and Clifton Moor.
- (vii) That the decisions made should reflect the comments raised during the EDAT Calling-In meeting, including consideration of reducing the frequency of services rather than withdrawing routes, the point being that the axing of services leads to a vicious circle of decline.