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## Scrutiny Management Committee

22 October 2007

Report of the Head of Civic, Democratic and Legal Services

### **URGENT BUSINESS - TRAFFIC CONGESTION AD HOC SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE – CO-OPTION**

#### **Summary**

1. This report requests Members to consider formally co-opting Matthew Page, a lecturer at the Institute for Transport Studies, University of Leeds, onto the Traffic Congestion Scrutiny Sub-Committee.
2. Councillor Galvin, the Chair of Scrutiny Management Committee, has agreed to accept this item on to the published agenda under urgent business as it has been outstanding for some time and Mr Page requires clarity as to his role and position with regard to his work with the Scrutiny Sub-Committee.

#### **Background**

3. Mr Page has been attending recent meetings of the Sub-Committee in an advisory capacity to offer his independent technical advice and the position needs formally regularising to establish him as a non-voting co-opted Member with the same entitlements as the other co-opted Member already sitting on the Sub-Committee.
4. Constitutionally, Scrutiny Management Committee, has the power to make appointments to its established Scrutiny Sub-Committees.
5. Mr Page, if appointed as a non-voting co-optee, will be eligible to claim travel and subsistence expenses for any meetings he attends and will of course, contribute, through his advice and expertise, to the work and final report of the Sub-Committee.

## **Consultation**

6. Members of the Traffic Congestion Sub-Committee are pleased to be able to benefit from the expertise of Mr Page and would welcome his formal co-option. It is in keeping with the spirit of scrutiny reviews being informed by relevant 'experts'.

## **Options**

7. Members can either approve or reject the proposal to co-opt Mr Page in a non-voting capacity for the remainder of the existing review.

## **Analysis**

8. The benefits of inviting Mr Page to become a formal co-opted Member are considerable. His expertise and external knowledge of Local Transport Plans 1 & 2 are essential to the progress of this review.

## **Corporate Improvements**

9. Although not directly relevant to the current identified corporate improvements, it would be beneficial to the Council and this particular scrutiny to maximise the technical knowledge and expertise available to it.

## **Implications**

10. There are no known financial, HR, legal, crime & disorder or other implications associated with this report or the recommendation below.

## **Risk Management**

11. There are no risk management implications in relation to this matter.

## **Recommendations**

12. That Members consider formally appointing Matthew Page as a non-voting co-opted Member for the duration of the Traffic Congestion Ad Hoc Scrutiny Sub-Committee.
13. Reason: In keeping with other existing co-option practices.

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## Specialist Implications Officer(s)

N/A

**Wards Affected: All**

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## Background Papers:

None

## Annexes

None