

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Tuesday, 9th October, 2012

MINUTES

Present:

Councillor Juliet Brunner (Chair) and Councillors Andrew Brazier, David Bush, John Fisher, Andrew Fry, Pattie Hill, Roger Hill (substituting for Councillor Simon Chalk), Gay Hopkins and Pat Witherspoon

Also Present:

Councillors Greg Chance and Michael Chalk.

Officers:

R Bamford, C Felton, R Griffin, S Morgan, P Smith, J Staniland and J Willis.

Democratic Services Officers:

J Bayley and M Craggs

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DIAL A RIDE EXTENDED SERVICE - FEASIBILITY STUDY

The Committee considered a feasibility report for extending the Dial a Ride service to include transporting young people to local events and festivals, and making the vehicles available for hire out of hours to other groups with transport needs. Officers explained that the potential for the service to be extended to transporting young people had originally been proposed in the Youth Services Provision Task Group's final report. The Executive Committee had expressed interest in the proposal when the item was presented in April 2012 but had suggested that further information was required from Officers regarding the feasibility of the proposal and had requested that a report on the subject be produced for the consideration of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Concerns were raised regarding the cost implications for this extended service. Officers acknowledged that any permanent driver working more than 37 hours a week would need to be paid at an overtime rate. However, additional drivers would not need to be employed as the Council already had access to five casual drivers.

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Officers further clarified that the extended service would only be made available to community groups that met the Council's eligibility criteria.

It was suggested that the Committee receive a monitoring report twelve months after the introduction of the extended service to enable Members to review its effectiveness and to propose any necessary amendments in the event of the extended scheme being approved.

RECOMMENDED that

- 1) the Dial-a-Ride scheme operated under a permit issued under section 19 of the Transport Act 1985, be extended to include making the Dial-a Ride vehicles available to those community organisations registered with the Council for use during evenings and weekends;**
- 2) that the charging schedule as set out in Appendix 1 be adopted; and**
- 3) that the scheme is based on the examples presented in appendix 2;**
- 4) subject to the extended Dial a Ride scheme being approved, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee receive a monitoring update report on the subject 12 months after the scheme's introduction; and**

RESOVED that

the report be noted

The Meeting commenced at 6.30 pm
and closed at 8.05 pm