

AGENDA

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

The Chair to welcome Members, officers and the public to the meeting and introduce Members and officers who are present.

2. **Apologies**

To receive any apologies.

3. **Disclosures of Interest**

Members to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests, or personal interests (including other pecuniary interests), they may have in the business to be transacted, and officers to disclose any interests they may have in any contract to be considered.

4. **Notice of Intention to Hold the Meeting in Private**

To consider excluding the public and press from the meeting by virtue of Paragraph 3 (Information Relating to the Financial or Business Affairs of the Authority) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, in order that the meeting may consider the exempt Annexes to Item 5 - The Introduction of a Demand Responsive Transport Service.

5. **The Introduction of a Demand Responsive Transport Service**

A Delegated Decision was taken on 29 September 2020 in relation to the payment of concessionary contract payments to bus operators. This included a decision to introduce a Demand Responsive Transport service from 1 April 2021 to replace most of the supported services. This decision was subsequently called in, by Castlethorpe and Hanslope Parish Councils and Councillors Bint and Walker.

As a result of mediation meetings, a number of undertakings were given by the Cabinet member for Community and Safety, including:

- That additional data be circulated to the call-in parties including; the current usage for concessionary routes, background information as to how DRT works, modelling information and passenger numbers;
- That further to Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 16(d) the part of the decision that was called in would be reconsidered by the Cabinet Member at the earliest opportunity and that the information referred to above would be made publicly available as part of reconsideration process (Note: this is a final decision and not a new decision and cannot therefore be subsequently called in); and

- That (subject to the agreement of Scrutiny Management Committee) an additional meeting of the Strategic Placemaking Scrutiny Committee would be held to provide an opportunity to scrutinise the DRT service specification prior to procurement.

This meeting provides an opportunity for the Committee to scrutinise the implementation of the Demand Responsive Transport service, including the service specification prior to procurement.

The documents for this item are Item 5 (**Pages 4 to 50**) in the Agenda Pack.