

Scrutiny Report



12 November 2020

Implementation of a Demand Responsive Transport Service in Milton Keynes

Name of Scrutiny Committee and Date **Strategic Placemaking Scrutiny Committee
24 November 2020**

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| Exempt / confidential / not for publication | Part |
| Council Plan reference | Ref number / Not in Council Plan |
| Wards affected | All wards |

Executive Summary

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

Further to mediation meetings, a number of undertakings were given including:

- to reconsider the decision; and
- to hold an additional meeting of the Strategic Placemaking Scrutiny Committee to provide an opportunity to scrutinise the DRT service specification prior to procurement.

Subsequent to the Delegated Decision on 29 September 2020 a number of meetings have taken and are taking place. These include:

- 14th October 2020 presentation and discussion with Parish Councillors;
- 29th October 2020 presentation and discussion with Ward Councillors;
- Ongoing steering group meetings including Parish Councillors and MK BUG;
- Ongoing technical team meetings including MK BUG;

A Communication team will replace the steering group post Scrutiny. The draft Specification has also been passed to the disability advisory group for comment.

On the 10 November, a reconsidered Delegated Decision was taken to introduce a Demand Responsive Transport service from the 1 April 2021.

The Committee is therefore not scrutinising whether a DRT service should be implemented or not, but is being asked to consider how the service is to be implemented, including reviewing the draft specification and providing feedback and recommendations that should be considered before final plans to implement the service are confirmed.

1. Purpose

To seek the Committee's views and feedback on the implementation of a Demand Responsive Transport service across Milton Keynes.

2. Decisions to be Made

That the public and press representatives be excluded from the meeting by virtue of Paragraph 3 (Information relating to the Financial or Business Affairs of the Authority) of Part of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, in order that the meeting consider the **confidential Annexes** to the report.

List of Annexes

Annex A – Draft Specification

Annex B – Delegated Decision Report – Reconsideration 10 November 2020 'CONCESSIONARY AND CONTRACT PAYMENTS FOR BUS OPERATORS - RECONSIDERATION OF 1.2 OF THE DELEGATED DECISION TAKEN ON 29 SEPTEMBER 2020' (Public)

Annex C – Delegated Decision Report – Reconsideration 10 November 2020 'CONCESSIONARY AND CONTRACT PAYMENTS FOR BUS OPERATORS - RECONSIDERATION OF 1.2 OF THE DELEGATED DECISION TAKEN ON 29 SEPTEMBER 2020' (Exempt)

List of background papers

Delegated Decision - 19 May 2020

[Delegated Decisions - 19 May 2020](#)

Delegated Decision - 7 July 2020

[Delegated Decisions - 7 July 2020](#)

Delegated Decision - 29 September 2020

[Delegated Decisions - 29 September 2020](#)

Call in Notice of Decision taken on 29 September 2020

[Call-In Notice](#)