

Halesowen Area Committee – 14th November 2007

Report of the Area Liaison Officer

Establishment of Working Group for the Consideration of Bus Services

Purpose of Report

1. To consider the request by the Cabinet Member for Transportation, for the establishment of a working group to consider local bus services in Halesowen.

Background

2. It is understood that CENTRO, the regional body responsible for transport in the West Midlands is minded to introduce wide ranging changes to the region's bus services and in particular Halesowen. The new bus routes and timetables are planned for introduction in the first quarter of 2008.
3. In October 2007, the Council's Cabinet Member for Transportation, Councillor Angus Adams, who is the Council's appointed representative on CENTRO, wrote to all Chairmen of Area Committees asking their Area Committees to consider setting up a three member committee for each area to look into local bus services.
4. The local committees, should they be appointed, would report their findings to the Area Committee which in turn would forward them to the Cabinet Member and on to CENTRO. The findings of the local bus services committees would be used to inform the decisions relating to the new bus routes and timetables before these were implemented and thus ensuring that the views of local people are taken into account.

Finance

5. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

Law

6. Section 111 of the Local Government Act, 1972 enables the Council to do anything that is calculated to facilitate or is conducive or incidental to the discharge of its functions.

Equality Impact

7. This report complies with the Council's Equality and Diversity policies.

Recommendation

8. That the Area Committee considers the appointment of a working group to look into local bus services in Halesowen.



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List of Background Papers

Email advising Democratic Services Officers of the request by Councillor Angus Adams to Area Committee Chairs