

## Regeneration & Transport Select Committee

A meeting of Regeneration & Transport Select Committee was held on Monday, 22nd February, 2010.

**Present:** Cllr Maurice Perry(Chairman), Cllr Dick Cains(Vice-Chairman), Cllr Kevin Faulks, Cllr John Fletcher, Cllr Paul Kirton, Cllr Fred Salt, Cllr Michael Smith, Cllr Lewis(Vice Cllr Fletcher)

**Officers:** Bill Trewick(DNS), Tony Beckwith(CESC) Judith Trainer, Michelle Jones, Kirsty Wannop(LD)

**Also in attendance:** None

**Apologies:** Cllr John Fletcher

### **RTS 35/09**      **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **RTS 36/09**      **Minutes of the meeting held on 11th January 2010**

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 11th January 2010.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 11th January 2010 be agreed and forwarded to Council for consideration.

### **RTS 37/09**      **Action Plan for Agreed Recommendations – Efficiency, Improvement & Transformation (EIT) Review of Commissioning and Provision of Public and Community Transport**

Members considered the Action Plan setting out how the agreed recommendations from the EIT Review of Commissioning and Provision of Public and Community Transport would be implemented and target dates for completion. It was noted that there had been negative press regarding the changes to Dial-a-Ride and the Committee believed that the press had taken the changes out of context and were not aware of the report. Members agreed for an initial progress update in October.

RESOLVED that

1. the information be noted.

2. an initial progress up be submitted to the Committee in October.

### **RTS 38/09**      **Quarterly Progress Update on Previously Agreed Recommendations**

Members were asked to consider the assessments of progress contained within the attached Progress Updates on the implementation of previously agreed recommendations. There were outstanding recommendations from the reviews of Employability, Highway Network Management, Pavement Parking, Street Lighting, and Sustainable School Travel.

Employability

Members requested further information regarding whether there were any other projects similar to 'slivers of time' which could be looked into.

### Highway Network Management

Members requested further detailed information with regards to the recommendations that had slipped. The Committee also requested further information on the next stage of the Highway Asset Management System, although this recommendation was achieved. Recommendation nine was agreed as on track but the Committee requested a copy of the risk assessment document before it was agreed by the Cabinet member.

### Pavement Parking

Members asked for confirmation of when the priority rating matrix would be in place. An issue from Cllr Fletcher was tabled regarding recommendation three and the legal position which had been given to a member of the public. Judith Trainer stated that a formal response to Cllr Fletcher had been requested from the relevant team and would be circulated.

In respect of recommendation 4, a draft guidance leaflet was tabled for Member comments, and it was agreed that the Chair and Vice Chair would approve the final version. Further clarification was being sought on the Council's delegated legal powers from the Police. Officers stressed that due to the nature of the law it was not always possible to give total clarity.

The Committee accepted the officers' view at recommendation five that following the sample inspections in Billingham South and Central wards, the damage caused by pavement parking was minimal and a blanket enforcement exercise would not be appropriate.

The Committee expressed concern that in respect of recommendation seven none of the three articles had yet appeared in Stockton News. The Committee noted that this issue had also been raised by Councillor John Fletcher. The Committee asked for a further explanation of the issue and that the Head of Communication be asked to attend the next meeting of the Committee to give an explanation and a way forward.

Officers commented that of the 15 North East Authorities, Stockton was the most pro active on the issue of pavement parking. The Committee commended the work that had been carried out but, wished for this to continue. The Committee asked how further details on how recommendation eight was being progressed. A revised completion date of June 2010 was agreed for recommendation eleven.

### Street Lighting

The Committee requested a revised completion date for recommendation four. Members also requested a report for the next meeting outlining the current position of the PFI bid.

### Sustainable School Travel

The Committee requested a completion date for recommendation one, and further clarification on the evidence provided. For recommendation nine, regarding the Connect2 funding, the Committee queried how this would be spent and asked that the Head of Technical Services be invited to the next quarterly monitoring meeting to discuss.

RESOLVED that

1. the information be noted
2. the further requested information be sought.

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### **Work Programme**

The Chair requested that an update of recommendations from all reviews carried out, including those that had been signed off as complete. Judith Trainer stated she would look at how this could be done.

The Committee were informed that officers were reviewing winter emergency arrangements and a report would be presented to the Committee in June for challenge and comment prior to submission of recommendations to Cabinet.

The next EIT review proposed for this Committee was Arts, Events & Tourism.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.