

Responses to Scrutiny Review Recommendations

Report to Overview Committee

Title of the review: Transport links to, and within Gedling Borough

Date review completed: April 2015

Date presented to Cabinet: 30th July 2015

Portfolio Holder: Jenny Hollingsworth

Chair of the review group: Councillor L Pearson

Officer supporting the review: Helen Lee

Response due to the Overview committee (28 days): 5 October 2015

Guidance

The final report and recommendations from the above review have been considered by Cabinet and a written response to the recommendations from the responsible Cabinet Member to the Overview Committee is required within twenty- eight days of the date the review was presented to Cabinet.

If you need any further assistance in completing this response please contact the officer who supported the review.

Recommendation 1

Gedling Borough Council alongside partner organisations continues to actively pursue the building of a Fourth Trent crossing.

Part 1 – to be completed after the report has been presented to Cabinet

(Please tick) Recommendation Accepted Partly Accepted Do not accept

Please give reason below:

Supported. The Council is currently working with partners to procure a second stage feasibility study which will look in more detail at location; costs and benefits of the crossing and how it might be funded. Nottinghamshire County Council is procuring the study which will be jointly funded by the County Council, Nottingham City Council and Rushcliffe and Gedling Borough Councils. Support is also being sought through the Joint Planning and Advisory Board (JPAB). It is expected that study will report by the end of 2015 and its findings will inform next steps.

Recommendation 2

Investigate the feasibility of introducing a park and ride facility in the north of the borough.

Part 1 – to be completed after the report has been presented to Cabinet

(Please tick) Recommendation Accepted Partly Accepted Do not accept
Please give reason below:

Extract from the Nottinghamshire Integrated Passenger Transport Strategy 2015, the strategy will drive forward change and improvements to local transport services. This report was forwarded to the committee by **Notts. County Council**

High quality park and ride facilities associated with efficient public transport services have proven successful in attracting car users to use public transport for at least part of their journey. They improve accessibility to urban centres and contribute to reducing traffic on congested radial routes. Where appropriate, where there is local support and funding can be found, large park and ride sites will therefore be promoted, supported by prioritised passenger transport services and infrastructure. Bus priority, parking enforcement and traffic management will also be provided to compliment such schemes.

The County Council will consider the provision of park and ride sites by;

- Identifying corridors with journey time delays*
- Identifying appropriate locations for park and ride facilities on key corridors that will address identified journey time delay*
- Seeking to use the opportunity to developments to expand the availability of park and ride facilities*
- Monitoring the effectiveness of park and ride schemes with a view to further provision.*

Response received from the Commercial Manager, **Nottingham City Transport**
This is outside the scope of NCT. A park and ride site would need to be identified by the Local Authority and planning permission granted. At that stage NCT would be willing to consider whether the bus service could be provided commercially. If not, the provision of the service would need to be secured by Notts. County Council through the tendering process.

Recommendation 3

The potential for improved bus services linking the Arnold and Mapperley communities be investigated.

Part 1 – to be completed after the report has been presented to Cabinet

(Please tick) Recommendation Accepted Partly Accepted Do not accept X

Please give reason below:

Notts. County Council response:

Arnold Town Centre is linked to the Mapperley shopping area through the NCT Service 25. The County Council has no plans to provide any additional services because there is no funding available.

Response received from the Commercial Manager, **Nottingham City Transport** NCT provides service 25, linking Arnold town centre to Mapperley shops via Nottingham Road and Breck Hill Road. This service operates to a daytime frequency of every 20 minutes. In addition NCT provides service 46 linking Arnold town centre to Mapperley shops via Gedling Road and Plains Road on a basic hourly frequency. These services are provided commercially and NCT is of the view that there is insufficient demand to justify either greater frequency on services 25 and 46 or further routes providing a similar link.

Recommendation 4

Investigate the feasibility of Nottingham City Transport extending the boundary for the use of Kangaroo tickets.

Part 1 – to be completed after the report has been presented to Cabinet

(Please tick) Recommendation Accepted X Partly Accepted Do not accept

Please give reason below:

Notts. County Council response:

The City Council manages and operates the Kangaroo scheme in partnership with the County Council and bus operators. The consortium is working on the possible introduction of a single integrated smartcard ticket within the kangaroo area. Within the discussions our aim is to try and extend the availability of the integrated ticket across the county if the initial scheme in the kangaroo area is successful.

Response received from the Commercial Manager, **Nottingham City Transport** The Kangaroo card is administered by a joint board comprising of Nottingham City Council and the various bus companies. There is no appetite from some bus operators to extend the Kangaroo boundary beyond its' current area. NCT does offer 'easyrider plus' for our customers in Lambley, Woodborough and Calverton, giving access to the NCT City area bus network as well as Southwell and as far south as

Loughborough on service 1.

Response received from the Commercial Manager, **Trentbarton**

The kangaroo is not set by Nottingham City Transport but by Nottingham City Council with bus operators forming part of an operating group represented by Nottinghamshire County Council and as such all decisions on boundaries and fares etc. go through what is known as KOG (Kangaroo operators group)

Recommendation 5

Investigate the feasibility of increasing the age limit for concessionary fares to 19.

Part 1 – to be completed after the report has been presented to Cabinet

(Please tick) Recommendation Accepted Partly Accepted Do not accept X

Please give reason below:

Notts. County Council response:

Bus operators provide discounted fares for young people under 16. In addition both NCT and Trent Barton have introduced significantly discounted termly season tickets for students 16 – 18. Full details can be found on the operators web-sites and applications should be made directly to the operators.

The age limit for statutory concessionary fare schemes is embedded in legislation and would require the Government to introduce changes

Response received from the Commercial Manager, **Nottingham City Transport**

NCT participates in the concessionary fares scheme for Nottinghamshire. Concessionary fares apply to OAP's and registered disabled people, and free concessionary journeys are paid by the local authority. Bus operators receive a sum of money equivalent to the average fare minus a 'generation factor.'

Reduced children's fares are offered by NCT as a fares initiative at its' own expense. These fares are available to all school children in full-time education. In addition we offer an academic year pass for just £219.00 which offers unlimited city bus travel on all days including weekends and school holidays.

Recommendation 6

Consider the use of a ticketing system that enabled a ticket for a specified number of journeys to be made available.

Part 1 – to be completed after the report has been presented to Cabinet

(Please tick) Recommendation Accepted Partly Accepted Do not accept

Please give reason below:

Notts. County Council response:

Both NCT and Trent Barton offer tickets enabling specified a number of trips.

Response received from the Commercial Manager, **Nottingham City Transport**
NCT offers two types of pre-paid travel card. 'Easyrider everyday' is valid for a set period of time e.g., one week, two weeks, one month and is valid for consecutive days travel. 'Easyrider Anyday' is a card that is topped up with a number of days of travel in a carnet style. A day's value is only deducted on each day that you travel. For example ten days travel is valid for ten non-consecutive days.

Recommendation 7

A marketing campaign, incorporating ideas from young people, is undertaken to target and encourage more use of bus services by young people.

Part 1 – to be completed after the report has been presented to Cabinet

(Please tick) Recommendation Accepted Partly Accepted Do not accept

Please give reason below:

Both Nottingham City Transport and Trentbarton provide good quality passenger transport information to encourage more people to use passenger transport by improving people's ability to plan journeys and travel with confidence. Passengers are provided with information through a variety of media including printed information such as timetables, area guides, roadside information, on board information and publicity. Electronic information such as journey planners, enquiry terminals, GPS informed real time information and e marketing in addition to face to face and telephone information for more complex enquiries. Both Nottingham City Transport and Trentbarton have marketing campaigns targeted at young people, examples attached at the end of this document..

Response received from the Commercial Manager, **Nottingham City Transport**
NCT offers various marketing campaigns and would be happy to work with our younger customers in this respect.

Recommendation 8

Support the continuation of the TravelRight scheme.

Part 1 – to be completed after the report has been presented to Cabinet

Response from the Cabinet Member to Overview

Date

(Please tick) Recommendation Accepted Partly Accepted Do not accept

Please give reason below:

The TravelRight programme was a fixed term externally funded initiative, funding for which expired in March 2015. Attempts have been made to extend the project through applications for further external funding but these have to date been unsuccessful. The Council is likely to support any funding bids put forward but financial support, if required, should come from the County Council as the transport authority.

Recommendation 9

Transport officers from both the Nottingham City Council and Nottinghamshire County Council should be involved at an early stage in planning applications to ensure that opportunities for Section 106/CIL contributions are identified.

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Response from the Cabinet Member to Overview Date

(Please tick) Recommendation Accepted Partly Accepted Do not accept

Please give reason below:

This is already an established feature in the progression of planning applications. County officers also engage fully in the identification of potential sites through the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) process and engage more formally in consultation at each stage of the Local Plan's development. County transport officers are also fully engaged in discussions on larger sites – they are, for example, active members of the Steering Group currently refreshing the Top Wighay Farm Development Brief. Engagement with City officers happens on and as and when required basis, in particular in relation to issues of cross-boundary significance such as the potential Fourth Trent Crossing.

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