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CABINET

Wednesday, 11th May, 2022

A meeting of the Cabinet is to be held on the above date at 10.30 am in the Council Chamber - County Hall to consider the following matters.

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Chief Executive

A G E N D A

PART I - OPEN COMMITTEE

1 Apologies for Absence

2 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 13 April 2022 (previously circulated).

3 Items Requiring Urgent Attention

Items which in the opinion of the Chair should be considered at the meeting as matters of urgency.

4 Announcements

5 Petitions

6 Question(s) from Members of the Council

FRAMEWORK DECISION

NIL

KEY DECISIONS

7 Bid into Government Levelling Up Fund: Round 2 (Pages 1 - 8)

Report of the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport (designate) (PTE/22/19) which outlines proposals for a bid into the Government 'Levelling Up Fund: Round 2', attached.

Electoral Divisions(s): All Divisions

MATTERS REFERRED

8 Exeter Highways and Traffic Orders Committee - Bus Services in Exeter

In considering the briefing paper of the Head of Planning, Transportation and Environment (Minute *45), the Exeter Highways and Traffic Orders Committee at its special meeting on 12 April 2022 had RESOLVED

RESOLVED

(a) that after listening to members and the public statements today, the Exeter Highways and Traffic Orders Committee concludes that the bus service in Exeter and its travel to work area is currently not fit for purpose for the following reasons:

- impact on vulnerable users of buses being cancelled without notice and for safety of women and girls where the last bus of the day fails to turn up;
- failure of the Stagecoach 'App' to provide reliable up to date real time bus information;
- lack of zero emission buses, particularly on routes within the city centre and heavily trafficked arterial routes;
- disappointing level of funding allocated to Devon under the Government's bus improvement strategy;
- ongoing bus driver recruitment and retention issues; and
- recently reduced timetable that has drastically cut the scheduled bus service for many areas of the city;

the Committee therefore concludes that the Service cannot be made fit for purpose under the current legislative framework, and believes that local councils must have power to set local requirements on timetables, routes and fares for the benefit of its residents and therefore calls for Devon County Council to press for a bus franchise arrangement to be an essential part of any Devon Devolution deal; and

(b) that in addition to the above, the Cabinet be requested to see how it can work on a marketing campaign in partnership with Stagecoach and other local bus operators to increase patronage on local services following the reduction in patronage after the pandemic restrictions.

Recommendation

That a full Report be brought to the Cabinet on 13th July 2022.

Electoral Divisions(s): All in Exeter

STANDING ITEMS

9 Question(s) from Members of the Public

10 Delegated Action/Urgent Matters

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11 Forward Plan (Pages 9 - 18)

In accordance with the Council's Constitution, the Cabinet is requested to review the list of forthcoming business (previously circulated) and to determine which items are to be defined as key and/or framework decisions and included in the Plan from the date of this meeting.

The [Forward Plan is available on the Council's website](#).

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