

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**MEETING OF CABINET MEMBER – JOBS, ECONOMY AND
TRANSPORT**

17 June 2014

Report of the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment

**PETITION REQUESTING A SUNDAY LOCAL BUS SERVICE IN
THE RIDDINGS AREA**

(1) **Purpose of the Report** To report on the County Council's response to a petition received requesting a Sunday bus service in the Riddings area.

(2) **Information and Analysis**

Background

At the meeting of the Cabinet Member on 30 July 2013, a petition was received requesting a Sunday bus service from Riddings to enable travel to and from either Derby or Nottingham.

Current Situation

At the time of the petition, Riddings had no Sunday bus service. Since 1 December 2013, the Rainbow 1 Service has provided Riddings with a Sunday service approximately every two hours from 0855 hours to 1855 hours, between Alfreton and Eastwood with onward journey opportunities to Nottingham.

The Rainbow 1 also operates an hourly service Monday to Saturday daytime, two hourly in the evenings. The evening and Sunday service is jointly funded by Derbyshire and Nottingham County Councils on a trial basis until the end of July 2014, as agreed at the Cabinet Meeting on 22 October 2013 (Minute No. 294/13 refers).

Conclusions

Riddings now has the Sunday service requested by the petitioners. In the long term, the future of the Rainbow 1 Sunday and evening service for the Riddings will be dependent upon sufficient passenger use for these journeys to be viable for the operator to run without subsidy or sufficient funding sources being available to maintain a subsidised service.

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Local Member Comment

Councillor Paul Smith, Deputy Cabinet Member for Health and Communities, County Councillor for Alfreton and Somercotes made the following comment: *"I totally support Mr Breen's request for the re-introduction of the Sunday service through Riddings. There has been a massive gap in bus service provision over the last four years with the removal of not only the Sunday service but the evening service from Eastwood through to Alfreton which left many people isolated in the communities of Riddings, Ironville and Leabrooks in particular."*

(3) **Financial Considerations** There are no additional financial considerations resulting from this report. The cost of the Rainbow 1 Sunday journeys was considered and included when the decision to provide these, and other journeys was taken by Cabinet on 22 October 2013.

(4) **Transport Considerations** As set out in the report. The actions taken will provide journey opportunities for all members of the community in the areas served.

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: legal, prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, human resources, environmental, health, property and transport considerations.

(5) **Key Decision** No.

(6) **Call-In** Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report? No.

(7) **Background Papers** Held on file within the Economy, Transport and Environment. Officer contact details – Janet Pickersgill, extension 36734.

(8) **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATIONS** That:

8.1 The Cabinet Member notes the measures taken regarding the Rainbow 1 Service.

8.2 The local Member and lead petitioner be advised of the actions taken by the Authority.

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