

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL**

**2 December 2015**

**Report of the Director of Legal Services**

**Petition Relating to the Community Transport Service**

**1. Purpose of the Report**

To consider the receipt of a petition relating to the Community Transport Service and to determine the Council's response.

**2. Information and Analysis**

The Council has received a petition containing 19,927 signatures headed 'Opposition to proposed withdrawal of funding for Community Transport in Derbyshire'. Since the petition contains more than 7,500 signatures and a Full Council debate has been requested, the Council's Petition Scheme provides that the petition organiser will be given five minutes to present the petition and it will then be debated by Members for 15 minutes.

The preamble to the petition reads as follows:-

"We oppose the proposed withdrawal of funding for Community Transport, shopping buses and health care travel by Derbyshire County Council"

The Petition Scheme provides that where a petition relates to issues upon which the Cabinet is required to make the final decision, the Council will decide whether to make recommendations to inform that decision. Cabinet will be making the final decision on this issue in due course.

**3. Considerations**

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

**4. Background Papers**

File held by the Director of Legal Services.

**5. Recommendation**

The Council is asked to consider the petition relating to the Community Transport Service.

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