

Cabinet Member Responses

Agenda item	Environment & Communities Scrutiny Committee recommendations (10 June 2022)	Response
Responses from Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport – Cllr Joy Dennis		
Bus Enhanced Partnership Plan TFG	<p>1. Agreed that any revisions to the details of the final bid should be shared with the Committee virtually.</p>	<p>As highlighted at the meeting, DfT had advised that BSIP-funded capital schemes had to be delivered by 3/25. The A259 bus lane will not be completed by then, and was therefore removed from the bid.</p> <p>The replacement was to seek funding for Tap On/Tap Off (known as TOTO) readers for buses across the Stagecoach services operating in West Sussex. This is currently being discussed with DfT, who initially gave conflicting advice on its inclusion. They are currently seeking more clarification from us before agreeing the funding. In the event the bid is successful, Stagecoach will match fund 50/50.</p> <p>If we are able to include this it will help us and the operators deliver integrated ticketing across operators, and ensure passengers can tap on/off and only pay the lowest fare, making the bus a more desirable mode of travel. Smaller operators will be included, so that all Local Bus Services are capable of smart ticketing (although understanding how TOTO will work best for tiny Community Transport operations is still to be determined).</p> <p>Metrobus and Brighton & Hove Buses already have TOTO.</p>

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	2. Agreed that the TFG continue to meet over the coming year, firstly in the autumn to see where work on the viability of current services and the development of projects within the bid had reached. If the TFG felt there were wider issues they could refer them to the scrutiny committee.	Noted.
	3. Agreed that the membership of the TFG could change depending on the specific subject matter.	Noted.
Agenda item -	Environment & Communities Scrutiny Committee recommendations (8 July 2022)	Response
Performance and Resources Report - Communities	Acknowledged the benefits of the Community Hub, and in particular its flexibility. Acknowledged that an intervention is a formal event, and noted that there needs to be an audit trail of outcomes from interventions, across the portfolio.	Cabinet Member for Communities, Cllr Crow: Noted.
Environment and Public Protection	Noted that planning was underway for when the contract with authority's energy broker expired in spring 2023. Welcomed the increased income generated from the solar farms.	Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change, Cllr Urquhart: Noted.
Highways and Transport	Noted the factors contributing to the red performance on KPI 19 (Highway Defects Repaired Within the Required Timescale). Requested that a senior representative of the contractor be invited to attend Committee for members to get a better	Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, Cllr Joy Dennis: The Highways Contracts update is coming to the January 2023 meeting and the contractor will be joining the meeting.

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	<p>understanding of the challenges, in case the Committee could suggest different ways of addressing these. Acknowledged the high levels of maintenance investment in the 22/23 budget.</p> <p>Highlighted the impact a reduction in income could have on the bus network.</p>	Noted.
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