

APPENDIX B
Agenda Item No. 5

SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT (STAGE 2) Director of Environment & Planning

(1.) Purpose

- 1.1 To inform Members of the progress with Stage 2 of the scrutiny and overview of Travel Plans within an overall sustainable transport strategy.

(2.) Recommendation:

- 2.1 Members consider the presentations by the witnesses and then determine how the information gained should be carried forward into the next stage of the Scrutiny process.

(3) Supporting Information

- 3.1 This Committee considered a report on Sustainable Transport in November 2003. The report focused on the operation of the Council and the work undertaken previously to develop a Travel Plan for staff and Members.
- 3.2 In examining the work previously undertaken and the scheme operated by the County Council, Members identified a number of potential witnesses to be invited to the Committee for the purpose of evidence gathering. As five witnesses were involved it was considered necessary to split the evidence gathering stage into two. The first meeting (March 2004) considered witnesses from this Council, Bucks County Council and a leaflet submission from Wycombe District Council.
- 3.3 At this meeting the Committee will hear evidence from representatives of the two key local public transport operators. Arriva (buses) and Chiltern Railways will provide information about the scale and provision of public transport in the District and their experiences and any benefits they have gained from participating in Travel Plans.
- 3.4 Members may wish to base questions on the issues raised in the original report to Committee in November 2003. The broad key issues are seen to be:
- What is seen to be the role of Travel Plans and where do they fit into an overall sustainable transport strategy.
 - Problems and opportunities with the existing Travel Plan arrangements and the scope for improvement. What are seen to be the key issues/problems and how could they can be improved.
 - Costs of options and how changes can/could be paid for.

(4.) Reasons for Recommendation

4.1 The number of people that potentially have an input into sustainable travel/Travel Plans – either as operators, users, local authority interests or other relevant commentators – is such that it is necessary to be selective in choosing who should give evidence.

(5.) Resource Implications

5.1 None arising from this report

(6.) Key Aims and Outcomes

6.1 This report is in accordance with the Local Communities Key Aim (providing for healthy communities and accessible services) and Local Environment Key Aim (promoting sustainable development).

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Background Documents: Stage 1 report Nov 2003; Stage 2 report March 2004.

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