

<b>DECISION-MAKER:</b>	HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE		
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	PUBLIC AND SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT PROVISION TO SOUTHAMPTON GENERAL HOSPITAL		
<b>DATE OF DECISION:</b>	31 JANUARY 2013		
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	SENIOR MANAGER, COMMUNITIES, CHANGE AND PARTNERSHIPS		
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<b>STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY</b>			
None.			

### **BRIEF SUMMARY**

At the meeting on 29 November the panel agreed to undertake a short review into public and sustainable transport provision to Southampton general hospital. This paper updates the Panel on progress and seeks agreement on the next steps.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- (i) The panel note the update on progress with the review into public and sustainable transport provision to Southampton general hospital
- (ii) To note the impact of proposed subsidy reductions for bus transport to the General Hospital and consider if they wish to respond to the current budget consultation.
- (ii) The Panel agree who they would like to attend the evidence gathering meeting on 28 February and key areas for discussion.

### **REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. The Panel agreed to undertake a review into public and sustainable transport provision to Southampton general hospital.

### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

2. None.

### **DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)**

3. Following the Panel meeting on 29 November the Terms of Reference for the review were updated as discussed and agreed by OSMC on 13 December. The Terms of Reference are attached at appendix 1.
4. Further work has been undertaken to map all the bus services that currently service the General Hospital has been undertaken. The map at appendix 2 and 3 show peak and off peak services respectively and indentifies which services, or elements of services, are affected by proposal to remove

subsidies as part of the 2013/14 budget. Further information regarding the removal of subsidies and possible effects will be presented at the meeting. Work is on going to identify pedestrian and cycle routes.

5. The Chair of the Panel and officers met with Harry Dymond, LINK Chair, to discuss how Southampton LINK could support the review. Headline issues raised with LINK recently include criticism of bus services changes including lack of information, access to the General from the east of the City and disabled parking provision. The LINK will prepare a summary of issues raised with them in relation to hospital access for the meeting February and attend the meeting to provide evidence.
6. Officers have been in touch with UHS to request any information in relation to hospital travel including:
  - No of people who access the hospital at different times of day
  - Visiting hours
  - Staff shift hours
  - Average staff to patient ratio on site
  - Patient feedback on public transport
  - Staff/Union feedback on public transport
  - Information on reliability
  - Impact information – i.e. Missed appointments due to transport Schemes you have in place/planned regarding public transport
  - Barriers to improvement

A meeting is being sought with UHS to discuss these issues before the Panel meeting in February. UHS have also been asked to provide contacts for union or staff travel groups who would be able to provide evidence to the Panel.

7. The Chair has also contacted all Members via the Members Bulletin to seek input from Councillors on particular issues that have been raised with them. Only one response was received which highlighted problem in Shirley ward with respect to hospital users and hospital workers parking in residential areas would could potentially be relieved by better transport routes to and from the hospital.
8. It is proposed that the meeting on 28 February is used to gather evidence from stakeholders on sustainable transport to the General Hospital. The Panel will want to consider inviting representation from the following groups:
  - UHS – Managers, Governors and staff representatives
  - Southampton LINK
  - SCC Transport Officers leading on buses and sustainable transport
  - Local bus companies

The Panel will also want to consider any key questions for stakeholders and areas of focus.

## RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

### Capital/Revenue

9. None.

### Property/Other

10. None.

## LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

### Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

11. The duty to undertake overview and scrutiny is set out in Section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

### Other Legal Implications:

12. None.

## POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

13. None

**KEY DECISION?** Yes/No

<b>WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:</b>	
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## SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

### Appendices

1.	Terms of Reference
2.	Peak time buses serving the General Hospital
3.	Off peak buses serving the General Hospital

### Documents In Members' Rooms

1.	N/A
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### Equality Impact Assessment

Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) to be carried out.	Yes/No
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### Other Background Documents

#### Equality Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection at:

Title of Background Paper(s)	Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)
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1.	N/A	
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