

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee: Holding the Executive to Account

Scrutiny Monitoring – 8 June 2023

Date	Portfolio	Title	Action proposed	Action Taken	Progress Status
09/03/23	Transport and District Regeneration	Enhanced Bus Partnership	1) That consideration is given to inviting various community and user groups, and Non-Executive Members, to attend the Enhanced Partnership Working Group or Forum.	Invitations to the EP Forum to include community and user groups where appropriate.	
13/04/23	Transport and District Regeneration	Petition - £1 bus fares	1) That the Administration extends the promotion of the national £2 bus fare offer through the range of communication channels available to the Council.	<p>Since the start of the £2 bus fare, the offer has been promoted as part of the Cost-of-Living campaign and messaging. This campaign has run across all council channels offline and online. In addition, My Journey Southampton has been promoting the offer from the start of the year and continues to do so across a paid for online and offline campaign funded by National Highways. See below.</p> <p>From April to June the council will continue to promote the £2 bus fare using Help for Household branding.</p> <p>This is all in addition to Bluestar promoting the offer across all their channels.</p> southampton.gov.uk', and the 'My Journey' logo with the hashtag #MyJourneySouthampton." data-bbox="561 663 704 863"/>	

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			<p>2) That consideration is given to exploring the creation of a salary sacrifice scheme to increase bus patronage and reduce the cost of bus travel.</p>	<p>Council has been engaging with workplaces in promoting ticketing options for cheaper travel on buses including seasonal / annual passes. The Council also supports offerings via Solent Go ticket offers for multi operators.</p> <p>It would be up to individual businesses to provide support for discounted loans or offers for seasonal / annual passes, which via the Workplace Travel Network, the Council can make this suggestion.</p>	
			<p>3) That, to reduce the cost of travelling by bus for Southampton residents, the Council seeks to maximise the amount of grant funding it receives from the Government and ensures that any submission for funding is targeted to ensure the greatest chance of success.</p>	<p>Noted. This will be considered if any future funding opportunities become available to the Council.</p>	