

Minutes of the Meeting of the OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD

Held: THURSDAY, 5 MARCH 2009 at 5.30pm

<u>PRESENT:</u>

Councillor Mugglestone–Chair Councillor Westley - Vice-Chair

Councillor Bhavsar(for Cllr Joshi) Councillor Hall Councillor Russell

<u>Co-opted Members</u> Mr Mohammed Alauddin Al-Azad – Parent Governor

Rebecca Barrow

Standing Invitees Youth Representative

Councillor Dempster

Also In Attendance Cabinet Lead Member for Children, and Schools.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J. Blackmore, Follett, and Suleman and Michael Asquith, Church of England Diocese.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were asked to declare any interests they may have in the business on the agenda, and/or indicate that Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applies to them.

No declarations were made.

22. REPORT OF THE REGENERATION AND TRANSPORT TASK GROUP – FINAL REPORT – REVIEW OF CHANGES TO CITY CENTRE BUS SERVCIES OF JANUARY 2009

Councillor Russell submitted a report that presented the findings of the review held on 11th February 2009 into changes to City Centre bus services which were implemented on 25th January 2009.

Councillor Russell introduced this paper. She explained that one meeting took place, and in addition to a number of Members and officers, a number of representatives from the Campaign for Better Transport attended to give evidence and answer questions.

Councillor Russell that the transfer of bus stops had generally operated well, and the majority of the Task Group recommendations had been taken on board.

Councillor Russell accepted that further work was needed between the council and the bus companies to ensure that the needs of passengers were addressed. It was generally felt that the bus companies needed to engage with the council and the public more regularly.

Jeff Miller, Service Director, Regeneration, Highways and Transportation acknowledged that there had been transport problems on Causeway Lane, and that meetings had taken place between the police and Hamersons; the owners of Highcross to address matters. It was explained that clearer road signage was to be provided in the near future.

RESOLVED:

That the recommendations set out in Appendix 1 be supported.