



Leicester
City Council

MINUTES EXTRACT

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Held: Wednesday 03 July 2002 at 5.30p.m.

PRESENT:

Councillor Kamal - Chair
Councillor Thompson – Conservative Spokesperson

Councillor Farmer (for Cllr Metcalfe)
Councillor Honiball

Councillor Mrs.Maw
Councillor Newitt

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11. CREATING ACCESSIBLE BUS STOPS

The Corporate Director of Environment, Regeneration and Development submitted a report that sought the views of the Scrutiny Committee on the proposed scheme to provide accessible bus stops and of the need to protect them with traffic regulation orders.

Members were informed that both the major bus companies in Leicester had recently invested significantly in new low floor buses, accessible not only to disabled people but also to pushchairs. The Disability Discrimination Act required all buses to be accessible to disabled people by 2017.

To match the investment in buses it was proposed that bus stops be provided with raised kerbs to provide level access into the vehicles. A pilot scheme had already been undertaken and this programme would be extended to all bus stops on the routes being operated by low floor buses, and ultimately all bus stops. To maximise the benefits of the raised kerbs it was proposed that the stops should be protected with bus stops clearway orders to prevent obstruction from other vehicles, a move likely to be highly contentious.

RESOLVED:

- i) that Cabinet be advised to give approval to the principle of introducing raised kerbs at bus stops to maximise the accessibility of bus services.
- ii) that Cabinet be advised to recognise the need to protect bus stops from obstruction by other vehicles and give approval to the principle of the use of bus stops clearway orders to achieve this.