



Leicester  
City Council

## MINUTES EXTRACT

### Minutes of the Meeting of the HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Held: WEDNESDAY, 11 DECEMBER 2002 at 5.30pm

#### P R E S E N T :

Councillor Bhatti - Chair  
Councillor Metcalfe - Liberal Democrat Spokesperson  
Councillor Thompson - Conservative Spokesperson

Councillor Connelly  
Councillor Honiball

Councillor Maw  
Councillor Newitt

#### Also in Attendance

Councillor Bhatti – Cabinet Lead Member, Highways and Transportation

In accordance with Scrutiny Procedure Rule 7 Councillor Scuplak also attended the meeting and, with the sanction of the Committee, spoke but did not vote on the following items: -

Minute 48 – (Petitions – Bus Stop outside 139 Main Street, Humberstone)

Minute 49 – (Petition - Re-Location of Two Bus Stops, Main Street, Humberstone)

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#### **44. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were invited to declare any interests they might have in the business on the agenda and/or indicate if Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applied to them.

Councillor Thompson disclosed a personal interest in Minute 59 (Draft Revenue Strategy for Environment, Regeneration and Development) as a Director of Northfield Employment Development Initiative (NEDI).

#### **59. DRAFT REVENUE STRATEGY FOR ENVIRONMENT, REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

The Corporate Director of Environment, Regeneration and Development and the Chief Finance Officer submitted a report that sought the views of the Scrutiny Committee on the draft revenue strategy for the Environment, Regeneration and Development Department. The overall strategy was outlined together with the circumstances leading to the current budget position. The

Appendix to the report dealt with the initial steps and outcomes so far that formed the basis of the department strategy for 2003/04. A list of discretionary services with low or medium strategic priority was provided, together with the Corporate Director's options for savings against these areas. A summary showing both the savings targets and current growth pressures, together with the full Environment, Regeneration and Development Department Revenue position was also appended to the report.

The Scrutiny Committee expressed concerns at the proposals to re-prioritise bus services that were currently in receipt of subsidy, to effect a budget saving. Officers reported that a list of bus service proposals was under preparation and would be circulated to all Members of the Council for comment. A new policy of allocating bus service subsidies was also under preparation and would be reported to the Scrutiny Committee when ready.

**RESOLVED:**

- i) that the officers report back to the next meeting of the Scrutiny Committee outlining detailed proposals relating to the prioritisation of subsidised bus services.
- ii) that, with the exception of subsidised bus services, the Scrutiny Committee had no further comments to make on the Draft Revenue Strategy report.