



Leicester  
City Council

**MINUTE  
EXTRACT**

Minutes of the Meeting of the  
HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Held: WEDNESDAY, 14 JANUARY 2004 at 5.30pm

P R E S E N T :

Councillor Thompson - Chair  
Councillor Ramsdale - Liberal Democrat Spokesperson  
Councillor Connelly - Labour Spokesperson

Councillor Allen  
Councillor Henry

Councillor Kitterick (for Cllr Bhatti)  
Councillor Panchbhaya

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**57. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were requested to declare any interests they may have in the business on the agenda.

Councillor Thompson declared a personal non prejudicial interest in Appendix F, 'Draft Revenue Strategy for Environment, Regeneration and Development as a member of the Greater Humberstone SRB6 Management Board and as a director of Northfields Employment Development Initiative.

**65. DRAFT REVENUE STRATEGY FOR ENVIRONMENT, REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

The Corporate Director of Regeneration and Culture and the Chief Finance Officer submitted a joint report seeking views of the Scrutiny Committee on the Highways and Transportation element of the draft revenue strategy for the Environment, Regeneration and Development department.

The Corporate Director explained that there were no service developments being proposed for Highways and Transportation but that there were two main budget pressures; one arising from a shortfall in advertising income on bus shelters and the second arising from the need to increase funding for parades and events on the highway. The latter was due to the need to implement temporary Traffic Regulation Orders, for parades and events, a service which the Police could no longer provide.

The report detailed the proposed options for savings and those relating to the Committee's portfolio were highlighted. A number of Members of the

Committee expressed concern regarding the budget reduction proposal concerning the restriction on peak use of bus passes.

Councillor Connelly moved the following proposal, seconded by Councillor Kitterick:

‘that the proposals for restriction of peak use of bus passes be opposed and referred back to officers and Cabinet for reconsideration’.

The proposal was voted on and lost 2:5.

Councillor Ramsdale moved the following proposal, seconded by Councillor Allen:-

‘that the proposals to restrict the peak use of bus passes to after 9.30 am be supported, but that those making hospital or doctor’s visits be excluded and Cabinet be asked to reconsider applying the restrictions to disabled users and the proposed restriction of the use of bus passes to the City area’.

The proposal was voted on and carried 5:2

RESOLVED:

that the proposals to restrict the peak use of bus passes to after 9.30 am be supported, but that those making hospital or doctor’s visits be excluded and Cabinet be asked to reconsider applying the restrictions to disabled users and the proposed restriction of the use of bus passes to the City area.