

Scrutiny Inquiry Project Outline

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY INQUIRY PROJECT OUTLINE

Review Topic:

Overview and Scrutiny Task Group – Sustainable Public Transport

Objectives:

To use the period of the task group to investigate:

- The difficulty the council has enforcing on public transport particularly bus and train
- To examine all public transport routes and any changes required due to demographic needs
- To tackle social isolation (public transport) in all areas of the borough
- The opportunities for sustainable funding for buses
- To engage with different stakeholders to understand what steps they are taking to provide sustainable public transport and understand how the council can help them.

Desired Outcomes:

- An understanding of our current position – the obstacles and the opportunities
- To encourage more people to use public transport
- Understanding of what others are doing and recognise areas of best practice.
- Identification of what the council can influence, how the council can set an example and the resources we might need to achieve that.
- To utilise this information for the Local Plan and progressing Chorley's Transport Strategy
- Recommendations to Executive Cabinet on how the council can develop its sustainable public transport agenda

Terms of Reference:

1. To review existing sustainable public transport activity and recognise the work that is already being done.
2. To investigate areas of best practice and examples from other councils and if/how these could be implemented at Chorley and in partnership with Lancashire County Council.
3. To identify what the council can influence and understand the resources that will be needed to address this.
4. To develop recommendations and priorities to Executive Cabinet on how the council can develop its sustainable public transport agenda and make a real and tangible difference.

Equality and diversity implications:

Rurality

Identify how our geography may effect influencing changes

Risks:

- Managing expectations – members and the public.
- Whether stakeholders will want to engage
- Not Looking beyond Covid 19
- Scope creep – the task group must focus on achievable goals.

Venue(s): Town Hall, Market Street, Chorley

Chair: Cllr Kim Snape

Timescale:

Start: September 2020

Finish: March 2021

Information Requirements and Sources:

Documents/evidence: (what/why?)

Background information on how Councils can run their own buses and gain a greater understanding of enforcing on Local Transport, including ticketing and single use payment over different areas.

Background information on bus routes, why routes have been axed and what does it take to change and/or reinstate them e.g bus service 119 to service Chorley hospital, other villages and Chorley town centre; improvements to the Bolton to Adlington bus route to extend the route in Adlington to enable more people to use it.

Local Government Association webinars on Climate Change and Transport

Update on taxi roadmap

Position Statement/Presentation

Information on what other Councils are doing

Questions to consider; (what/why?)

What are the Green initiatives/alternatives for buses to reduce pollution and make them more sustainable?

What sustainable funding sources are available for buses?

What does it take to improve bus services and make them more attractive for public use, including fares and service?

What scope is there for the Council to lobby for improvements in timetabling for train stops e.g. Adlington railway station?

What community transport initiatives are there in the borough and how can they be improved?

What public transport initiatives are there to reduce loneliness and isolation.

What scope is there to provide electrical points for bikes on existing electrical chargers?

What car share opportunities exist and other opportunities?

What public funding is going into rural areas where there are large housing sites?

Witnesses: (who, why?)

Lancashire County Council highway and transport officers

Lindsay Hoyle MP

County Cllr Keith Iddon

Chris Sinnott – Deputy Chief Executive

Stagecoach

Community Transport/Dial-A-Ride

Community Development Team

Northern Rail

Licensing ref: taxis

Consultation/Research: (what, why, who?)

Interviews (with stakeholders and other authorities)

Consultation with Parish Councils 'In the Know'

Engage with different resident groups – understanding of loneliness and isolation in the borough

Site Visits: (where, why, when?)

To be determined as review progresses

Officer Support:

Lead Officer: Alison Marland (Principal Planning Officer)

Democratic and Member Services Officer: Matthew Pawlysyn

Likely Budget Requirements:

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Target Body¹ for Findings/Recommendations	Executive Cabinet
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¹ All project outcomes require the approval of Overview and Scrutiny Committee before progressing

