

Cabinet Meeting Resolution

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Reference

**E2357**

**Quality partnership scheme for Corridor 6 of the Greater Bristol Bus Network**

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	8-Feb-12
<b>The Issue</b>	<i>The Greater Bristol Bus Network (GBBN) major scheme includes the establishment of quality partnership schemes on ten bus route corridors in the West of England area. This scheme will cover the corridor between Midsomer Norton and Bristol. It will set quality standards for bus operators who wish to use the new infrastructure and facilities.</i>
<b>The decision</b>	<p>(1) To AGREE that a quality partnership scheme be made covering the bus route corridor between Midsomer Norton and Bristol via Whitchurch;</p> <p>(2) To DELEGATE authority to the Divisional Director for Planning &amp; Transport Development to determine in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport the appropriate standard of services in the quality partnership scheme; and</p> <p>(3) To DELEGATE authority to the Divisional Director for Planning &amp; Transport Development to decide in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport on any revisions to the standards of services in the quality partnership scheme arising from the formal review process.</p>
<b>Rationale for decision</b>	The decision is a key part of the delivery of the GBBN major scheme
<b>Other options considered</b>	<p>Consideration was given to removing some of the standards of services from the quality partnership scheme and negotiating them for inclusion in the voluntary partnership agreement that will support it. This matter is still under discussion with operators and some changes may yet be made. The fundamental principle will remain that the substantial investment by the public sector in infrastructure should be matched by a requirement on bus operators to provide a high-quality bus service on a commercial basis with a reasonable rate of return.</p>
<b>The Decision is subject to Call-In within 5 working days of publication of the decision</b>	