

SSCO&S Panel resolution on 23 September 2010

It was **RESOLVED** that:

- 1 The Panel welcomed the creation of the Bath Bus User Group;
- 2 The Panel supported the re-establishment of the Public Transport Liaison Panel;
- 3 The Panel would ask the Cabinet, or designated Cabinet Member, to support their recommendation to re-establish the Public Transport Liaison Panel; and
- 4 The Panel would want to see a progress of their recommendations above before the next public meeting in November.

Response from Cabinet Member for Service Delivery

I broadly support the Panel's recommendation and I have asked officers to scope out the implications of re-establishing a bi-annual meeting on the following basis:

- It must be supported by public transport operators
- It must cover the whole of Bath & North East Somerset
- It must not duplicate the functions of any other meeting
- It must be adequately resourced

The former Public Transport Liaison Group met between September 1999 and October 2006, initially quarterly then bi-annually, although no meetings were held in 2003. Meetings ceased in 2007 when officers were no longer able to resource them.

The PTLG Terms of Reference were agreed by the former Transportation Sub-committee on 5 October 1999. The prime purpose was "to provide a focus for the interchange of views between the Council, public transport operators and users."

I believe that the co-operation of operators and willingness on their part to attend meetings and consult users on any proposals will be crucial to the success of any new or re-established meeting.

The issue of resourcing the meeting is one that will need to be considered in the context of the Service Plan for Transport & Planning Policy.

I will be update the Panel at its meeting in January 2011.