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Councillor Stuart Langhorn,
Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny
Committee

Chief Executive

Mark Cullinan
Chief Executive

Town Hall
Dalton Square
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7th March 2008

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Dear Councillor Langhorn,

URGENT BUSINESS – CONCESSIONARY TRAVEL

Members are requested to consider determining the Concessionary Travel Scheme from April 2008 in light of the Concessionary Bus Travel Act 2007 and the introduction of free nationwide bus travel, and to seek authority to enter into pooling arrangements with other Lancaster Districts through the Council's Urgent Business Procedure. Details of the proposals are set out within the attached report.

The urgency for this decision is that the scheme is to be implemented from 1st April 2008 and it requires all Local Authorities within Lancashire to agree their position no later than 9th March 2008 to enable preparations for implementation to commence. It is therefore impracticable to defer the decision until the next appropriate meeting of Cabinet.

The recommendations are:-

- (1) That the City Council notes the national amended concessionary travel scheme which allows free travel between 0930 hours and 2300 hours for people aged 60 and over and people who are disabled and agrees to retain free travel concessions after 2300hrs up to and including the last bus on weekdays on journeys taken within the Lancaster City area.**
- (2) That a report be brought back to Cabinet during autumn 2008 on the outcome of the review of Community Transport, in order that recommendations regarding the service can be fed into the 2009/10 budget and planning process.**
- (3) That the City Council enters into pooling arrangements for concessionary transport costs with other local authorities within the county, and that the Chief Executive be given delegated authority to agree the detailed arrangements on behalf of the authority, subject to estimated costs being within the budget framework.**

The approval of the Chief Executive has been sought to this action in accordance with Overview and Scrutiny Committee Procedure Rule 17(a).

Mark Cullinan – Chief Executive

I would be grateful if you could consider the immediate implementation of this course of action subject to the agreement of the Chief Executive to waive the right of call-in, in accordance with Overview and Scrutiny Committee Procedure Rule 17(a). Please complete the attached slip signifying your decision and return it to the Town Hall as soon as possible. In the meantime, could you please telephone Sharon Marsh on 582096 or e-mail smarsh@lancaster.gov.uk, with your decision.

Yours sincerely,

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Enc.

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Councillor Consultation

*I am/~~am not~~ (***please delete as appropriate**) in agreement with the recommendation:

- (1) **That in order to implement the decision as a matter of urgency it be recommended that the call-in procedure be waived in accordance with Overview & Scrutiny Procedure Rule 17 (a).**

Signed: S. Langhorn-----

Name: Councillor Stuart Langhorn -----

Position Held: Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee -----

Dated: 7th March 2008 -----

Chief Executive Decision

*I agree/~~do not agree~~ (***please delete as appropriate**) to exercise my delegated authority and give approval:

- (1) **That in order to implement the decision as a matter of urgency it be recommended that the call-in procedure be waived in accordance with Overview & Scrutiny Procedure Rule 17 (a).**

Signed: Mark Cullinan-----

Chief Executive

Dated: 7th March 2008 -----

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