

**ENVIRONMENTAL AND PLANNING REVIEW COMMITTEE
8 DECEMBER 2008**

STUDY INTO PUBLIC TRANSPORT

REPORT OF THE CITY SOLICITOR

**Strategic Priorities: Attractive and Inclusive City and Prosperous City
Corporate Performance Objectives CI01**

1. Why has the report come to the Committee

- 1.1 To receive further evidence from Nexus on the public transport system in the city.
- 1.2 This work should support the Council in achieving its strategic priorities of an Attractive and Accessible City by examining the factors constraining the growth of use of public transport.

2. Background

- 2.1 Mr Bernard Garner, NEXUS Director General and Mr Tobyn Hughes have been invited to the meeting to discuss a range of issues including:-
 - The current position with regard to the Local Transport Bill and its implications for public transport within the city;
 - the potential measures for improving partnership working with bus operators;
 - measures for people who are suffering social exclusion;
 - the operation of the concessionary fare scheme
 - the provision of the metro and heavy rail service within the city.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 Members are asked to consider the evidence received.

4. Background Papers

Tyne and Wear Local Transport Plan 2006/11
Sunderland Strategy
Bus Services Across the UK – House of Commons Transport Committee
Papers of the Environmental and Planning Review Committee – November 2006

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