

# **ENVIRONMENT AND ATTRACTIVE CITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

24 OCTOBER 2011

## **UPDATE ON DEVELOPMENTS IN PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN SUNDERLAND**

### **REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**Strategic Priority : SP5 - Attractive and Inclusive City**

**Corporate Priorities: CI01 – Delivering Customer Focused Services, CI04 – Improving Partnership Working To Deliver ‘One City’**

#### **1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 To provide Members with a progress report regarding public transport in Sunderland, with particular reference to secured bus services.

#### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The Local Transport Plan for Tyne and Wear falls within the remit of the Environment and Attractive City Scrutiny Committee, of which the priority and investment of public transport is a key policy. As such the Committee has invited Nexus to attend on a regular basis over a number of years to give updates to Members on the various developments in regard to public transport.
- 2.2 At its meeting of 16 November 2009, the Scrutiny Committee received a report on the Bus Strategy formally adopted by the Integrated Transport Authority and Nexus in March 2009 after consultation with key stakeholders, including the five Councils in Tyne and Wear. At that meeting the Committee considered the consultation on the Accessible Bus Network Design Project, which recognised the necessity to improve bus services generally with particular reference to routes, services and journey times.
- 2.3 Subsequently, on 20 September 2010, the Committee was provided with an update from Nexus on the results of the consultations for the Accessible Bus Network Design and future developments in the city.

#### **3. CURRENT POSITION**

- 3.1 A further progress report on public transport will be presented to the Scrutiny Committee for consideration, with particular regard to secured bus services by Mr Bernard Garner, Nexus Director General.

#### **4. RECOMMENDATION**

- 4.1 The Committee is asked to receive a progress update from Nexus; to note progress to date; and raise any other issues of concern.

**5. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- Local Transport Plan 3 2011-2021
- Environment and Attractive City Scrutiny Committee Agenda and Reports - 16 November 2009 (Review of the Accessible Bus Network – Consultation)
- Environment and Attractive City Scrutiny Committee Agenda and Reports – 20 September 2010 (progress on the Tyne and Wear Accessible Bus Network Design)

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