



Bus Reform Task Force Mayoral Meeting: Decision, Message & Action Log

DATE: 31 March 2020		TIME: 10:30-11:30	LOCATION: on line
ATTENDEES:	James Palmer (JP)	CPCA Mayor (Chair)	
	Ashton Cull (AC)	Senior Policy Advisor, CPCA	
	Mike Bartram (MB)	Policy Advisor, Transport Focus	
	Richard Wood (RW)	Secretary, Cambridge Area Bus Users Group	
	Darren Shirley (DS)	CEO, Campaign for Better Transport	
	Cllr Ian Bates (IB)	Cambridgeshire County Council	
	Cllr Josh Schumann (JS)	East Cambridgeshire District Council	
	Cllr Lis Every (LE)	East Cambridgeshire District Council	
	Cllr Anna Bradnam (AB)	South Cambridgeshire District Council	
	Cllr Chris Seaton (CS)	Fenland District Council	
	Edward Leigh (EL)	Smarter Cambridge	
	Paul Raynes (PR)	Director of Strategy and Delivery, CPCA	
	Tim Bellamy (TB)	Transport Strategy and Policy Manager, CPCA	
	Rowland Potter (RP)	Head of Transport, CPCA	
	Oliver Howarth (OH)	Bus Strategy Manager, CPCA	
	Susannah McIntyre (SM)	Communications Advisor, CPCA	
	Emily Martin	Head of Communications, CPCA	
	Peter Hardy (PH)	Consultant, ITP	
APOLOGIES:	Wendy Otter (WO)	Fenland District Council	
	Cllr Judy Fox (JF)	Peterborough City Council	
	Dawn Badminton-Capps (DB-C)	Director for England, Bus Users	
	Professor David Begg (DB)	Transport Consultant	

#	Item	Decision, Message, Action	Owner	Deadline
1.	Minutes were approved. Cllr A Bradnam was unable to approve minutes as she had not attended that meeting	Message		
2.	Noted that all commercial operators had reduced services due to Covid-19	Message		
3.	Noted that the 0930 start time for ENCTS passes had been suspended to allow OAPs to travel to shops earlier.	Message		
4.	Cllr Bradnam enquired whether bus drivers on furlough are having pay made up to 100% by employers?	Action	Oliver Howarth	15 th April
5.	Noted that CCC and PCC were continuing to pay schoolbus operators whilst schools are closed, so the operators can be available for work after lockdown ends.	Message		
6.	Mayor expressed his concern that CPCA could not bid for Rural Mobility Funds on the grounds we had received money for Transforming Cities. Mayor to consider further discussions on this.	Action	James Palmer	1 st May
7.	New DfT guidance suggested that the funding for strengthening the bus network should be available still. Mayor expressed his wish to use that money as intended and work should proceed	Action	Oliver Howarth	15 th April
8.	The Vision for Buses was set out; five key objectives for the Bus Reform Task Force work were set out; the 5 parts of the Green Book Outline Business Case were read through. It was suggested that environmental aspects, which were not on the high level list, should be addressed within the Commercial Case.	Action	Peter Hardy	15 th April
9.	Legal advice was presented to the group explaining that each option needs to be developed in sufficient detail to accurately assess their impacts; there would need to be an assessment of delivery risks; and that operators would need to be engaged to discuss any alternatives to franchising, if that were one of the viable options.	Message		
10.	Mike Bartram suggested from other areas that the economic case needed risk & sensitivity tests to consider Covid-19 impacts; and that in Greater Manchester Stagecoach had shown no appetite for Enhanced Partnerships, proposing a voluntary partnership instead.	Message		
11.	Mike Bartram welcomed CPCA supporting the Transport Focus annual passenger survey and noted that we should be comparing ourselves against Oxfordshire/Worcestershire/Gloucestershire/Devon	Action	Oliver Howarth	15 th April
12.	Cllr Bradnam asked that the bus work should consider decarbonising the bus network as fast as possible; and to look at solar car-charging at rural hubs. The Mayor welcomed this desire to go green but suggested that the need for car charging was already superseded by improved battery technology.	Message		
13.	Edward Leigh asked what operators did to reimburse passengers if the last bus of the day on a route failed to run. OH agreed to pick this up with operators.	Action	Oliver	15 th April



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14. The Task Group was asked to note progress to date with the future bus delivery options; and asked to support the approach for taking forward the outline business case work, assessing the costs and benefits of the four different models (deregulation, advanced quality partnership, enhanced partnership and franchising) in delivering a future bus network that will meet the vision. This was proposed by the Mayor and seconded by Cllr Ian Bates.

NEXT MEETING

DATE: Monday 20 April

TIME: 1100-1200

LOCATION: On line