

Agenda Item No: 7

Report title: Draft Bus Strategy

To: Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Meeting Date: 28th November 2022

Public report: Yes

From: Oliver Howarth

Recommendations: The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:

- a) Review the draft Bus Strategy (Appendix A) and covering report published with the Transport and Infrastructure (T&I) Committee papers and provide comment.
- b) Note the timeline provided by officers in the report

Purpose

- 1.1 To provide the Committee with the opportunity to comment on the draft Bus Strategy which was presented to the T&I Committee at their meeting on 16th November 2022; the report can be found here: Transport and Infrastructure Committee Agenda
- 1.2 This report provides the Committee with further information regarding the timeline for the BSIP (Bus Service Improvement Plan) and Bus Strategy moving forward.
- 1.3 Committee members were invited to submit questions to officers in relation to the draft Bus Strategy; the questions, and answers will follow as a supplementary item to the report.
- 2. BSIP and Bus Strategy Submission and Approval Timeline

Bus Strategy – draft outline:

 Recommended by Transport and Infrastructure Committee on 16th November that the CA Board approves the Bus Strategy

- CA Board (30th November) approval sought for a 6–8 week consultation (to be determined, due to festive period)
- Transport and Infrastructure Committee (18th January) and CA Board (25th January) emerging and/or initial feedback on consultation
- March Transport and Infrastructure Committee (15th March) and CA Board (22nd March) feedback on Bus Strategy consultation and updated document

BSIP

- Review document for DfT (30th November) that will include the draft Bus Strategy and sets out the process on which you have embarked, including new BSIP doc in early 2023
- Draft BSIP document to be discussed with bus operators (16th December)
- 3. Financial Implications
- 3.1 None.
- 4. Legal Implications
- 4.1 None.
- 5. Public Health Implications
- 5.1 As part of the LTCP suite of documents, the Bus Strategy will need to consider the objectives of the Plan. Fundamental to this is the consideration of health and safety and therefore it is imperative that the Bus Strategy demonstrates the golden thread with these objectives. The Bus Strategy will demonstrate how the deliverables will ensure better outcomes for the Combined Authority and partners in relation to public health at the local and more region-wide levels.
- 6. Environmental and Climate Change Implications
- 6.1 As part of the LTCP suite of documents, the Bus Strategy will need to consider the environmental and climate objectives how it will provide a positive benefit for the area. The Bus Strategy will aim to improve the local and regional improvements in relation to the environment and climate. The Bus Strategy will demonstrate how the deliverables will ensure better outcomes for the Combined Authority and partners in relation to these implications at the local and more region-wide levels.
- 7. Other Significant Implications
- 7.1 None
- 8. Appendices
- 8.1 Appendix A Draft Bus Strategy