

ENVIRONMENT, PLANNING AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Date: Wednesday 27 June 2001
Time: 2.00 to 4.30 pm
Venue: Committee Room 2, National Assembly Building

POLICY REVIEW: DRAFT CONSULTATION REPORT

Purpose

1. To invite the committee to agree the text of its consultation report on public transport.

Background

2. At the meetings on 9 May, 23 May and 13 June the committee agreed recommendations and options for inclusion in its consultation report on public transport. The committee agreed that the report would issue for consultation over the summer recess.

Draft report

3. Attached at the **Annex** is a draft text for the consultation report, which will be bilingual (Welsh and English). The content of the report is as follows:

- **Chapter 1**, the **introduction**, sets out the terms of reference and review process, and summarises the contents of the report;
- **Chapter 2** sets the **context** for the review, and outline the roles of the National Assembly and local authorities in improving public transport;
- **Chapter 3** sets out the committee's **vision** for public transport, considers how **quality** can be driven up, and suggests a number of projects that could be taken forward;
- **Chapter 4** assesses the **existing voluntary regional transport consortia** and recommends ways in which they can be strengthened;
- **Chapter 5** assesses **options for alternative organisational structures**, namely: an all-

Wales PTA; a PTA for the ten South East Wales local authorities on the existing model; developing existing partnership arrangements; or other innovative solutions.

- **Chapter 6** recommends ways of strengthening **monitoring and evaluation**;
- **Chapter 7** summarises the committee's **recommendations**;
- **Chapter 8** invites **views on alternative models** for changes in organisational structures that would deliver the committee's vision of improved public transport;
- The **Annexes** include respondents to the initial consultation (Annex 1); further background on the Welsh Consumer Council's report 'Bus Travel in Wales - A Consumer's Journey' (Annex 2); an Executive Summary of Babbie's report 'Organisational Structures for Transport Planning' (Annex 3); and tests for alternative organisational models (Annex 4).

4. The recommendations in Chapter 6 have not yet been agreed, but the broad principles have been discussed at previous meetings.

Recommendation

5. Members are invited to agree to issue the attached report for public consultation.

Committee Secretariat

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