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## Adoption of Regional Public Transport Plan

### 1. Purpose

To adopt the proposed Regional Public Transport Plan 2011-21.

### 2. The decision-making process and significance

The matter requiring decision in this report has been considered by officers against the requirements of Part 6 of the Local Government Act 2002 (the Act).

#### 2.1 Significance of the decision

Officers have considered the significance of the matter, taking into account the Council's significance policy and decision-making guidelines. Officers recommend that the matter be considered to have medium significance.

#### 2.2 The decision-making process

Officers have taken into account the principles set out in section 14 of the Act and the need to manage the Council's resources prudently.

Officers advise that a decision-making process is explicitly prescribed for this decision by section 20 of the Public Transport Management Act 2008, which includes use of the special consultative procedure under section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002. The process followed is set out in section 3 of this report.

### 3. Background

The development of a Regional Public Transport Plan commenced last year with the terms of reference adopted on 9 February 2010 (**Report 10.16**) and updated on 18 January 2011 (**Report 11.16**).

A discussion document was sent to stakeholders including transport operators, local authorities and public transport advocates in March 2010. Feedback on the discussion document was reported in June 2010 (**Report 10.319**).

A preliminary draft Regional Public Transport Plan was subsequently prepared and sent to stakeholders for further feedback in March 2011 and reported in April 2011 (**Report 11.171**).

The proposed Regional Public Transport Plan (the proposed Plan) was approved for consultation by the Economic Wellbeing Committee in June 2011 and the Regional Public Transport Plan Hearing Subcommittee was formed (**Report 11.227**). The consultation period ran from 30 June to 2 August 2011.

Hearings and deliberations took place on 15, 16 and 23 August, 2011. On 20 September 2011 the Hearing Subcommittee was provided with a draft of the amended proposed Plan (**Report 11.401**) The Hearing Subcommittee agreed to endorse the amended proposed Plan subject to a number of alterations being made (see **Report 11.418**).

The proposed Regional Public Transport Plan 2011-21 was endorsed at the Economic Wellbeing Committee Meeting on 13 October. The Economic Wellbeing Committee recommended that the Council adopts the proposed Regional Public Transport Plan 2011-21 (**Report 11.508**).

#### **4. Communication**

A copy of the Regional Public Transport Plan will be forwarded to the parties listed in section 11(c) of the Public Transport Management Act 2008 following formal adoption of the Regional Public Transport Plan 2011-21.

Formal replies will also be sent to submitters following the formal adoption of the Regional Public Transport Plan 2011-21. The Hearings Subcommittee considered it appropriate that these replies should originate from the Hearing Subcommittee Chair.

#### **5. Recommendations**

*That the Council:*

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Adopts the Regional Public Transport Plan 2011-21 as set out in Attachment 1 to this report.*

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**Attachment 1:** proposed Regional Public Transport Plan 2011-21