

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS DECISION RECORD

The following decision was taken on Wednesday 22 August 2012 by the Cabinet.

Date notified to all members: 24th August, 2012

The end of the call-in period is 4:00 pm on 30th August, 2012

The decision can be implemented from 31st August, 2012.

DECISION 8

1. SHEFFIELD BUS AGREEMENT

RESOLVED: That Cabinet:-

- (a) notes the results of the public consultation and work to date on the options for delivering a new Bus Agreement for Sheffield;
- (b) endorses the Voluntary Partnership Agreement option as the preferred delivery vehicle at the present time, noting that South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive (SYPTTE) work on the Quality Contract option is to be suspended to allow the Partnership Agreement to progress; and
- (c) agrees to the principle of the Council being a co-signatory to the Sheffield Bus Agreement and endorses further work to facilitate a City-wide launch in October 2012.

Reasons For Decision

Improved Public Transport will contribute to the objectives of 'Standing Up for Sheffield' and the Sheffield City Region Transport Strategy.

Alternative Considered And Rejected

Statutory Quality Partnership Schemes (SQPS) - where the Council/SYPTTE improve the physical facilities on, or along, the line of a bus route(s) and in turn for using these facilities Bus Operators must meet certain physical attributes in their services.

Quality Contracts (QC) - this option replaces the existing on-street competition with a franchised network option which is put in place, following a tender process. SYPTTE specify the franchise but the associated risk sits within the public sector.

Do Nothing – This option is not considered in this report but in view of the falling bus patronage across many parts of the County is not considered an option.

Any Interest Declared or Dispensation Granted

None.

Reason For Exemption If Public/Press Excluded During Consideration

None.

Respective Director Responsible for Implementation

Executive Director, Place

Relevant Scrutiny Committee If Decision Called In

Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee