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Report of the Solicitor to the Council

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RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE COMMISSION

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Commission of the responses to recommendations made at previous meetings.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Commission consider the responses to the recommendations made and agree if, and how, the implementation of the recommendations will be monitored.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 During the Commission's meeting on 5 October 2009, a number of recommendations were made following consideration of reports on Signposting, Traffic Mitigation and the Bus Service Review.

- 3.2 The recommendations were subsequently submitted to the Traffic Manager, Scrutiny Manager and the Group Manager - Transport & Sustainable Environment with a request that responses were received by the 9 November 2009.

- 3.3 A copy of the recommendations made and the responses are attached at Appendix 1.

- 3.4 Following the meeting of 27 July, a further response has been submitted from the Cabinet Member for Regional and Business Engagement concerning the support given to Rural businesses:

"Businesses in the rural community have access to various reliefs for business rates and attached is a summary of the options available. You will also note that these businesses have access to a Rural scheme which is not available to all businesses across Peterborough.

In the circumstances I do not believe that there is a case to provide further funding in the council's budget. I am however happy to keep this position under review".

- 3.5 Supporting documents are attached as appendix 2 and 3 to this report.

4. KEY ISSUES

- 4.1 The Committee is asked to consider the responses and agree if, and how, the implementation of the recommendations will be monitored.

5. IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Any implications are contained within the individual responses to the recommendations.

6. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

Minutes of the meeting of the Scrutiny Commission for Rural Communities held on 5 October 2009

7. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Recommendations and Responses Received.

Appendix 2 – Strategy to Assist Rural Businesses

Appendix 3 – Rural Settlement Relief