

## Annex 3

### Recommendations made by the Cross Party Advisory Group

Having reviewed the Equality Impact information available and understanding the risks associated with reducing or discontinuing the funding, or the available alternatives, the group considered that the following reductions in service provisions would have the least impact on residents:

**Table 3 Recommendations for Subsidy Reductions**

<b>Service</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Kimes 9 timetable	£35,391	The Council subsidises 7 out of 27 journeys carried out by the Kimes 9 service. The two buses that are being used by schoolchildren, to travel to Kings School, and by other residents for other purposes were full and therefore should not require subsidy. There were 20 journeys that received no subsidy from the Council and therefore a level of service would be likely to be retained.
Luxecabs	£2,040	The service provided by Luxecabs to take residents from Thorney to Whittlesey is operating in an area where the residents could access other Demand Responsive Transport services that could transport them to Peterborough and therefore an alternative is available.
Local Link	Reduction from £495,171 to £400,000	The group looked into the options and the expectation of the future costs for the current 11-bus Local Link service (at least £1 million) and acknowledged that an

		alternative three bus option would provide partial coverage. It is acknowledged that the Bus Service Review estimated a three-bus option would cost £344,000 but £400,000 is budgeted for due to uncertainty over procurement.
Voluntary Partnership Agreement (Stagecoach evening services from 20:30 Monday to Saturday and after 17:30 on Sundays and bank holidays, day time additional services on the number 24 and some Sunday services on the number 37	The budget would be reduced from £289,255 to £200,000	The group felt that although any reductions in these services were regrettable they acknowledged the need to make some savings, and felt that this was a compromise that would have the least impact on residents compared to other options. The majority of Citi evening services would be retained. Funding for service 24 and 37 would be discontinued as it was felt that some level of service would be retained.

The cross party advisory group were unable to make a recommendation on which subsidised services to retain within the budgetary constraint of £600,000. The group considered that this level of budget would not deliver a minimum standard of public transport provision within the Peterborough unitary area, and particularly regarding night time, evening and rural services.

The group stated that the guidance published in the Passenger Focus “Best practice toolkit – Bus service reviews: consulting on changes to local service” should have been undertaken before the decision to reduce the budget for passenger transport subsidised services was taken.

*After detailed consideration of all the issues and evidence, the group concluded that a minimum level of service could be delivered for a budget of approximately £780,000 (£180,000 above current budget provision). This recommendation would take the following form:*

**Table 4 Cross Party Advisory Group Recommendation**

<b>Service</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<i>Local Link service to be reduced to a 3 bus option</i>	<i>£400,000 (It is acknowledged that the Bus Service Review estimated £344,000 but £400,000 is budgeted for due to uncertainty over procurement).</i>
<i>Demand Responsive Transport to be retained</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Community Link</i></li> <li>• <i>Call Connect</i></li> <li>• <i>Royal Voluntary Service</i></li> <li>• <i>Octane</i></li> </ul>	<i>£180,000</i>
<i>Stagecoach Voluntary Partnership Agreement to be retained, (funding to be reduced from £290,000)</i>	<i>£200,000</i>
<i>Total Budget Required</i>	<i>£780,000</i>

*Whilst the group recognise the need to make financial savings they recommended that Cabinet increase the budget by £180,000 to £780,000 to deliver the minimum provision set out above. The group also recommended that the new subsidised services should be monitored over the next 12 months.*

*This report therefore sets out an officer recommendation of what subsidised services should be delivered for the agreed budget provision of £600,000.*

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