#### Annex B

#### EMPLOYEE LIASION ADVISORY GROUP EMPLOYMENT PANEL CABINET

20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2006 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2006 19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2006

## TRAVEL PLAN

## (Report by the Overview & Scrutiny Panel (Service Support)

## 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This report should be read in conjunction with the report entitled Travel Plan on the Agendas for the meetings of the Employee Liaison Advisory Group, Employment Panel and the Cabinet on 20<sup>th</sup> September and 19<sup>th</sup> October 2006 respectively.

#### 2. COMMENTS MADE BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (SERVICE SUPPORT)

- 2.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Service Support) considered the Council's draft Travel Plan at their meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2006. The Panel acknowledged that the Plan applies also to elected Members who will need to lead by example. In addition the Panel made the following comments:
  - the proposals could have been firmed if the targets are to be met;
  - there ought to be more incentives for staff to discourage their use of the private car for travelling to and from work;
  - concessions should not be made available in town centre car parks for Members or staff who should be required to pay the same charge as members of the public;
  - consideration should be given to providing concessions to staff for the use of alternative forms of transport (eg. concessions on season tickets for bus travel);
  - the current mileage rates which favoured the use of larger engine cars and the opportunity should be taken to review travel allowances for employees and Members;
  - there is a need for more references to Members in the draft plan;
  - the Council should investigate the use of alternative types of fuel for 'pool cars'
  - the Council should provide a greater incentive for car sharing; and
  - that consideration be given to the medium-term use of the Bridge Place car park (Godmanchester depot) within the review of the car-parking strategy.

# 3. CONCLUSION

The Employment Panel and Cabinet are invited to consider the comments of the Overview & Scrutiny Panel (Service Support) as part of their deliberations on the draft Plan.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Report to Overview & Scrutiny Panel (Service Support) – 12<sup>th</sup> September 2006 Draft District Council Travel Plan

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