

**CORPORATE TRAVEL PLAN UPDATE  
(Report by the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Environmental Well-Being))**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 At its meeting held on 9th October 2012, the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Environmental Well-Being) considered the report by the Head of Environmental Management on the Corporate Travel Plan. This report summarises the Panel's discussions.

**2. THE PANEL'S DISCUSSIONS**

- 2.1 Having questioned how the updated Travel Plan differs from the original, the Panel has been advised that there have been a number of minor modifications, most notably relating to the incentives offered to owners of low carbon vehicles who are able to purchase car parking permits at a reduced rate.
- 2.2 Members' attention has been drawn to a mapping exercise undertaken to show where Council employees reside. Owing to the availability of this information, a Member has suggested that the District Council should explore the possibility of providing a bus service from the main settlements to Pathfinder House. Similarly, a Member has stressed the effectiveness of car sharing as a means of meeting the Travel Plan's objectives and questioned whether the Council offers any incentives to employees choosing to car share.
- 2.3 The Panel has discussed the increase in the percentage of employees cycling to work from 2006 to 2010 and have requested an analysis of the usage of cycling routes. Having commented on the lack of information relating to staff travel in 2011, Members have also requested 2011 statistics for staff travel behaviour.
- 2.4 With specific reference to the Council's Objectives, Targets and Indicators and specifically the Objective 'to reduce local traffic and road congestion', the Panel has questioned whether the targets are sufficiently challenging to cover a five year period. It has been suggested that these targets should be revised so that more challenging.
- 2.5 Having recognised that an increase in home working could be a means of delivering the Council's Travel Plan objectives, it has been suggested that the Council should place more emphasis on home working on the grounds that it rather than use more efficient means of transport, it is preferable not to undertake a journey. There should be a systematic analysis of posts for which home working is appropriate.
- 2.6 The Panel has recommended the Panel to adopt the updated Corporate Travel Plan 2012/13 to 2017/18.

### **3. CONCLUSION**

- 3.1 The Cabinet is requested to take into consideration the views of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Environmental Well-Being) as set out above when considering this item.

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**Background Documents** - Reports and Minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Environmental Well-Being) held on 9th October 2012.