
Report to Council

Date of Meeting: 23rd October 2014

Subject: Bus Services to Forth Valley Royal Hospital

Report by: Head of Development & Environment

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1. This report is to update Council on the agreement to continue the H1 & H2 bus services between Clackmannanshire and Forth Valley Royal Hospital (FVRH) until 31st March 2018, further to the report to the Enterprise & Environment Committee in March 2013.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1. That Council notes and welcomes the proposal to continue the H1 & H2 bus services until 31st March 2018 and the renewed opportunity for partnership working between the Council and NHS Forth Valley which results.

3.0 Considerations

- 3.1. Clackmannanshire Council contracts for supported bus services were due to expire in March 2013 and the NHS Forth Valley funded contracts for the H1 H2 bus services between Menstrie/Dollar and FVRH were due to terminate in August 2013. As part of a review of service provision the opportunity was taken to explore the potential for integrating Council services with the NHS Forth Valley supported services.
- 3.2. NHS Forth Valley arranged to have the "H" bus services extended to 31st December 2014, following which it was proposed to replace the "H" services with an hourly shuttle bus service between Alloa and FVRH.
- 3.3. Following representation by the Council and Scottish Government Ministers discussions were held between Council, NHS Forth Valley and MSPs where it was agreed that the "H" services will be extended in their current form to 31st March 2018 to coincide with the termination date for the Council's supported bus service contracts. This presents a further opportunity for the integration of the "H" services with the Council's supported bus services to be considered from 2018 onwards.

4.0 Sustainability Implications

- 4.1. Public transport links between Clackmannanshire and Forth Valley Royal Hospital will continue and the current level of service will be maintained for patients, visitors and hospital staff.

5.0 Resource Implications

5.1. *Financial Details*

- 5.2. There are no new financial implications for the Council emanating from the recommendations of this report.

- 5.3. Finance have been consulted. Yes

- 5.4. There are no staffing implications emanating from the recommendations of this report.

6.0 Exempt Reports

- 6.1. Is this report exempt? Yes (please detail the reasons for exemption below) No

7.0 Declarations

The recommendations contained within this report support or implement our Corporate Priorities and Council Policies.

- (1) **Our Priorities** (Please double click on the check box)

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| The area has a positive image and attracts people and businesses | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Our communities are more cohesive and inclusive | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| People are better skilled, trained and ready for learning and employment | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Our communities are safer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Vulnerable people and families are supported | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Substance misuse and its effects are reduced | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Health is improving and health inequalities are reducing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| The environment is protected and enhanced for all | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| The Council is effective, efficient and recognised for excellence | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

- (2) **Council Policies** (Please detail)

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8.0 Equalities Impact

8.1 Have you undertaken the required equalities impact assessment to ensure that no groups are adversely affected by the recommendations?

Yes No

9.0 Legality

9.1 It has been confirmed that in adopting the recommendations contained in this report, the Council is acting within its legal powers. Yes

10.0 Appendices

10.1 None

11.0 Background Papers

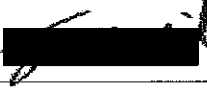
11.1 Have you used other documents to compile your report? (All documents must be kept available by the author for public inspection for four years from the date of meeting at which the report is considered)

Yes (please list the documents below) No

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