



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

## AREA PANEL 2 11 January 2006

Report of Assistant Director – Highways, Transportation and Waste Management

### **Petition requesting the re-routing of Bus Services 68 and 68a, Chellaston**

#### **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 1.1 A petition has been received from the residents of Chellaston requesting that bus services 68 and 68a are re-routed away from Crown Way, Duchess Way and Courtway Crescent to go along Homeleigh Way.
- 1.2 The petition containing 90 signatures was presented at Area Panel 2 on 9 November 2005.
- 1.3 The new West Chellaston routes, 68 and 68a, started on the 23 October 2005. The service is operated by Arriva buses. Previously the service had used Derby Road. Arriva have decided to re-route the services so they could serve the new housing estate in West Chellaston more directly. The changes form part of a wider review of Arriva's bus routes in the Chellaston and Allenton area. The need for a service into this area had previously been raised at an older persons forum.
- 1.4 This service is operated by Arriva on a commercial basis and as such they decide what route and frequency it should take. Buses were deregulated under the terms of the Transport Act 1985. Following deregulation, the Council has no legal powers to force bus companies to re-route or change the frequency of commercial services.
- 1.5 In this case, Arriva have decided that the route would incorporate Crown Way, Duchess Way and Courtway Crescent instead of using Homeleigh Way as this is where most people live. The change to the route reduces the distance people have to walk to catch the bus and increases the attractiveness of the service to residents. Increasing bus use in the area also has the potential to improve environmental conditions as it may result in a decrease in the number of people who need to use cars for every journey.
- 1.6 Whilst the petition indicates that a proportion of residents have concerns about buses using streets in West Chellaston officers have not identified any reasons why they should not operate. In addition, the needs of people without access to a car need to be considered and the introduction of commercially run bus services are to be welcomed. There are other services running through similar areas such as parts of Allestree, Oakwood and Mickleover which have proved to be very popular with residents. The roads in these areas are also residential in nature and in some cases are narrower than the route of the 68 and 68A services in Chellaston.

## PROPOSED ACTION

- 2.1 To continue to work with Arriva and local residents to determine the optimum sites for bus stops along the route of the bus service.
- 2.2 To note that there is no further action the City Council can take regarding the route of the bus service.

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