

Time began: 12.00 pm  
Time ended: 12.13 pm

## **NEIGHBOURHOODS CABINET MEMBER MEETING 8 DECEMBER 2010**

Present: Councillor Poulter

### 05/10 Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Rawson.

### 06/10 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items received.

### 07/10 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

## **Non-Key Decisions**

### 08/10 Concessionary Fares Reimbursement

A report of the Strategic Director of Neighbourhoods was considered which stated that there have been ongoing negotiations with some of the larger bus companies in Derby and Derbyshire over the level of reimbursement they received for accepting the Gold Card concessionary fares cards for people aged over 60 and certain disabled people during 2007/08. This was the last year of the local Derby and Derbyshire scheme prior to the introduction of the English National Concessionary Travel Scheme in April 2008.

With the exception of Stagecoach buses all the other companies involved in the Derbyshire scheme at that time had reached an agreement on the money they should receive following a determination by the concessionary fares adjudicator, appointed by the Secretary of State for transport. Stagecoach buses however were unhappy with the level of reimbursement proposed. As a result Stagecoach applied to the High Court for a judicial review of the adjudicator's decision and Derbyshire County Council lodged a defence to that action.

The judge involved in the judicial review had indicated the matter should be resolved by agreement before proceeding to a full judgement. The Department for Transport, DfT, had also indicated that they wanted the issue to be resolved promptly and had given local authorities involved until early November to say whether they were going to be able to reach an agreement. As a result representatives from Stagecoach and officers from Derby City Council, Derbyshire County Council and Borough and District Councils

involved in the scheme met in mid October to try and resolve the issue. Following this discussion it had now been proposed that the members of the scheme should pay a set amount to settle the outstanding claim. Derby City Council's share of this claim would be £118,750.

**Resolved to make a one off payment of £118,750, towards the settlement of the claim from Stagecoach relating to fare reimbursement in 2007/08, under the Derby and Derbyshire Gold Card scheme.**

09/10          Exclusion of the Press and Public

That, under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during discussion of the following item on the ground that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

10/10          Concessionary Fares Reimbursement

A report of the Strategic Director of Neighbourhoods was considered which set out exempt information in relation to Concessionary Fares Reimbursement.

**Resolved to make a one off payment of £118,750, towards the settlement of the claim from Stagecoach relating to fares reimbursements in 2007/08, under the Derby and Derbyshire Gold Card Scheme.**

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