

REGENERATION CULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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UPDATE ON ARRIVA SERVICES IN MEDWAY

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Summary

Representatives from Arriva will be in attendance to undertake a brief presentation updating the Committee on their bus network in Medway since September 2015

1. Budget and Policy Framework

1.1 The provision of local bus services in Great Britain is governed by the 1985 Transport Act, which became law in October 1986. This resulted in the privatisation of the National Bus Company and the deregulation of bus services as a way of reducing the level of subsidies paid by Local Authorities (LAs) and to encourage competition. This also resulted in a greatly reduced role for LAs in the provision of local bus services.

1.2 Under current legislation, bus operators declare what their commercial bus network is and the LA then has the power to tender for loss making services through a competitive process and will normally award a contract to those companies that offer the best combination of price and quality. LAs outside London have no responsibility for the commercial bus network and operators do not need the consent of any LA outside London to operate or even withdraw a service.

2. Background

2.1 At the Regeneration, Community and Culture Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting in September 2015, Arriva undertook to maintain dialogue with the Council and provide future updates in respect of current operational issues and service changes.

3. Arriva Update

3.1 Emma Taylor and Robert Patterson from Arriva will present this update and answer any questions from the Committee.

4. Advice and Analysis

- 4.1 The content of the presentation is largely related to Arriva's commercial network and is provided to inform Members of any current operational issues and up-coming service changes.

5. Risk management

- 5.1 There are no risks to the Council arising from this presentation as it is for information

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

7. Legal Implications

- 7.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

8. Recommendations

- 8.1 The Committee is requested to note the presentation from Arriva.

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Appendices

None

Background papers

None