

Planning & Development Meeting – 6 August 2020

Agenda Item PD3626/20

Resumption of Community Bus

Introduction

To discuss whether to resume service of the Friday community bus.

Discussion

At the P&D meeting of 17 March 2020, Councillors approved the temporary cessation of the community bus. This decision was taken to limit the exposure of the most at risk members of the community to the spread of the Coronavirus.

With shops and establishments now re-opening in Watford many residents have requested that it be put back into operation.

It was agreed at the time that the decision to resume the service be delegated to the Clerk and Chairman of the committee. However, it now seems appropriate to ask the full committee for their views to make sure that the correct decision is made for residents.

A representative from Desi Coaches, who operate the service on behalf of the Council, has been invited to the meeting to inform councillors of the measures they will be putting in place to ensure the health and safety of bus users.

Recommendations

- That, if Councillors are satisfied that the necessary health and safety requirements have been put in place, the community bus resumes service from August 21.
- That the committee reviews the continuation of the service as required but at least on a monthly basis.

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Clerk to the Council
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