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Council

Minute extract from extraordinary meeting held on 15 March 2011

Annual public transport fare review 2011

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(Cr Glensor/Cr Brash)

That Council:

- 1. Receives the report.
- 2. Notes the content of the report.
- 3. Notes that the Council Ten Year Plan 2009-19 assumes a fare revenue increase of 3% per annum from 2010/11 onwards.
- 4. Notes that the draft Council Annual Plan for 2011/12 assumes a fare revenue increase of 3%.
- 5. Notes that farebox recovery levels are predicted to fall below the Council target level of 45-50% within the next two years.
- 6. Agrees that fares be increased from 1 September 2011 to generate a revenue increase of 3%, subject to satisfactory agreement of contractual terms with operators which see the financial benefits of the fare increase flowing to the Council.
- 7. Agrees that the preferred fare increase scenario set out in this report, i.e. approximately 5% increases for multi-trip tickets, be the basis of discussion with operators, but acknowledge that all options remain open at this time.
- 8. Notes that reports on progress with operator discussions will be reported back to the *Economic Wellbeing Committee*.
- 9. Notes that consultation on the proposed fare revenue increase will occur with the public as part of the preparation of the Council Annual Plan, and that the increase cannot be confirmed until the completion of the Annual Plan.
- 10. Notes that a farebox recovery policy based on a recovery rate of 50% 55% is included in the Economic Wellbeing Committee agenda for the 17 March meeting.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

A show of hands on voting on recommendations 6 and 7 was asked for. Councillors Bruce, Ponter, and Wilson asked that their votes against recommendations 6 and 7 be recorded.