

9. PETITION - LOCAL BUS PROVISION, BROXBURN TOWN CENTRE

The Panel considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Operational Services asking the panel to consider a petition submitted by residents of Broxburn regarding public transport within the Broxburn and Uphall areas and to provide a recommendation to Council Executive.

It was recommended that the panel :-

1. Notes the submission of the petition;
2. Notes that the public transport budget was fully committed within the current financial year;
3. Notes the availability of commercial bus services along Uphall and Broxburn main street;
4. Note and considers the following recommendation which was intended to be submitted to the Council Executive for approval :-
  - “It was recommended that Council Executive instructs officers to respond to the petition stating that the request of the petition could not be met”.

In considering the terms of the report Councillor Robert De Bold stated that it was the opinion of the West Lothian SNP Group that the council had not taken public opinion into consideration on the matter.

Decision

1. To note the contents of the report;
2. To note that the report would be presented to a future meeting of the Council Executive with an officer recommendation that the requirements of the petition could not be met as the budget for public transport was fully committed; and
3. To note the comments of Councillor Robert De Bold.