

REPORT FROM: CORPORATE DIRECTOR

TO: POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To consider a proposal from the County Council regarding bus shelters on the Burnley to Colne mainline.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) That the Council agrees to the transfer of the 15 Nelson shelters on the mainline to the County Council.
- (2) That the Corporate Director be authorized to agree the terms of the transfer and any related matters to enable the scheme to proceed.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

To bring about an improvement in the standard of bus shelters on the mainline from Burnley to Colne.

1. We have been contacted by Lancashire County Council who have capital funding available to refurbish the shelters on the mainline route from Burnley to Colne. They are about to undertake a tendering exercise with a view to starting work in the autumn. As we understand it, as well as the initial refurbishment they have resource to cover future maintenance for 5 years.
2. A condition of this is that they require that ownership of the shelters is transferred to them.
3. As Members will recall Pendle transferred most of its bus shelters to town and parish councils in 2016.
4. In Colne's case we transferred 35 of which 11 are on the mainline in addition to 3 in the bus station.
5. In Brierfield's case we transferred 8 of which 7 are on the mainline.

6. In Reedley Hallows' case we transferred 5 all of which are on the mainline.
7. Pendle still retains all the shelters in Nelson as the Town Council was unwilling to take on responsibility for them. 15 are on the mainline.
8. This is an advantageous proposal and Colne, Brierfield and Reedley Hallows have all agreed to the transfer of their shelters to the County Council. It is recommended that Pendle also agrees to the transfer of the 15 Nelson shelters.
9. The County Council will also be approaching Primesight who own the bus shelters on the mainline which have advertising panels with a view to negotiating to take over ownership and including them in the programme.

IMPLICATIONS

Policy: None arising from the report.

Financial: Whilst there is no longer a budget for the maintenance of shelters there is an occasional requirement to deal with shelters that are damaged. This proposal may help to minimise that requirement.

Legal: None arising from the report.

Risk Management: None arising from the report.

Health and Safety: None arising from the report.

Sustainability: None arising from the report.

Community Safety: None arising from the report.

Equality and Diversity: None arising from the report

APPENDICES: None

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS: None