

Appendix 2: Elements that are contained within the proposed EP.

- i. **Multi operator ticketing** – network wide, always offering the best value option for journeys with more than 1 operator. Inclusion of “tap on/tap off” or equivalent technology to capture proper origin/destination data would provide significant intelligence to inform network planning.
- ii. **Bus priority** – reliability is key to attracting passengers, we will identify hotspots for delays to buses and implement priority where space allows.
- iii. **“Whole route” audits** – identify all causes of delay on core routes and implement measures to address them. These may be individually small but can add considerably to schedules across routes – e.g., parked cars, bus stops difficult to get out of, junctions difficult to turn out of.
- iv. **High quality bus stop infrastructure:**
 - a. All stops to have timetable display – real time in urban areas or stops used by more than xx passengers per day.
 - b. Clean high-quality shelters at all stops used by more than xx passengers per day. Consider – CCTV, no use of polycarbonate (it clouds and deteriorates over time).
 - c. Raised kerbs at all stops.
 - d. Integrated with Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) to consider walking routes to stops – identify where new pedestrian infrastructure / cut throughs could make network more accessible.
 - e. Maintenance of bus stop environment (not just shelters).
 - f. Upgraded town centre interchange. Consider – bus station ownership/operation town centre bus stand allocation.
- v. **Bus network:**
 - a. Core network of direct, frequent, high quality inter-urban services linking all of our key settlements.
 - b. 100% of urban residents within 350 metres walk of a frequent (every 15 minutes daytime) service to their nearest town centre.
 - c. xx% of rural residents within 800 metres walk of an hourly (daytime) or better bus service to their nearest town centre, or a demand responsive equivalent.
 - d. All key employment sites within 800 metres walk of a bus service.
 - e. Improved interchange at railway stations.
 - f. Core network of evening and Sunday services to support employment, retail, and leisure. Consider defining who would be included in core network.
 - g. Consider service stability agreement – service changes only on agreed dates.

- vi. **Patronage growth** – in year 1, no further decline. Year 2 onwards, patronage growth of 5% year on year. A modal shift target and measure would underpin climate change and emissions targets. For example, xx% of bus passengers choosing to make their journey by bus instead of car.
- vii. **Customer satisfaction** – targets for satisfaction with journey experience, information, waiting facilities, personal security.
- viii. **Emissions** – define emission standards, linking with air quality strategy. Modal shift of itself generates significant environmental benefit.
- ix. **Development standards** – all residential and industrial developments subject to minimum design standards to accommodate bus services with parking restrictions as needed. Contributions strategy to ensure minimum 5 years of support for new/extended services backed with strict travel plan enforcement.
- x. **Marketing** – co-ordinated, consistent, sustained high profile marketing campaign to promote the network and support patronage growth.