

6b Publications and Consultations

- Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to inform members of a number of recent publications and consultation papers and to seek approval of draft responses as appropriate.

- Aberdeen City Council Bus Information Strategy

Aberdeen City Council is currently seeking the public's views on the availability and quality of information concerning local bus services in the city as part of the process to develop a Bus Information Strategy for the City. Everybody who regularly travels to, from or within Aberdeen, both bus users and non-bus users, are invited to take part in a short questionnaire. The consultation period runs from 11 January to 8 February 2010. In addition to this public questionnaire, a letter has been drafted to the City Council to express Nestrans' view that the strategy should ensure consistency in standards of information provision across the region. It is felt that the strategy should be as similar as possible to the equivalent Bus Information Strategy recently produced by Aberdeenshire Council, which is fully endorsed by Nestrans.

- Aberdeen City Council Statutory Consultation on Car Parking

Aberdeen City Council has written to Nestrans as part of its statutory consultation for changes to on and off street parking within the City centre.

The proposals include extending the hours of operation in the central zone and off-street car parks from 6pm on Monday-Saturday evenings to 8pm; include Golden Square within the management regime; convert East North Street car park from long stay to short stay and introduce a flat fee of £1.50 for overnight parking in both short-stay and long-stay car parks.

Comments are sought by Wednesday 10 February 2010.

A proposed response is attached as Appendix to this report.

- Recommendation

It is recommended that Members note the contents of this report and agree the attached appendices as Nestrans' comments where appropriate.

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