

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE – 3 MAY 2005

SUBSIDISED BUS FARES INCREASE

Report By Executive Director of Development & Property Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to seek the Committee's approval to increase subsidised bus fares in that part of the Council boundary outwith the SPTA designated Area by 5%.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The SPTA has approved a 5% increase in the subsidised bus fares within its Area to be effective from 12 June 2005.
- 2.2 SPTA operates subsidised bus services on an agency basis within that part of the Council's boundary which is outwith the Passenger Transport Authority's Area. SPTA therefore require the Council's consent before increasing fares on those services.
- 2.3 It is advised that the Council adopts a similar fares increase as this will avoid the confusion to the operator and the travelling public of having differential fare scales on cross boundary routes. The fares increase will apply in North Ayrshire, South Ayrshire and other local authority areas within the SPT area.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 SPT has advised that increasing subsidised bus fares will result in a reduction in the contract payments rechargeable to the Council.

4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Nil

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 It is recommended that the Committee approves an increase in subsidised bus fares of 5% in that part of the Council area outwith the SPTA Area for the next year.

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14 April 2005

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS - Nil

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