

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EMERGENCY POWERS COMMITTEE – 20 MAY 2004

SUBSIDISED BUS FARES INCREASE

Report By Executive Director of Development & Property Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this 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%, for the next year.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The SPTA has approved a 5% increase in the subsidised bus fares within its Area, for 2004/2005.
- 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.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 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:
- i.) 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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13 May 2004

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil

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