

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE – 9 MAY 2000

SUBSIDISED BUS FARES INCREASE

Report By Director of Development 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 2.5%, effective from Sunday 28 May 2000.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The SPTA at its meeting on 3 December 1999 approved a 2.5% increase in the subsidised bus fares within its Area, effective from Sunday 28 May 2000.
- 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. There are currently two subsidised services in East Ayrshire operating outwith the SPTA Area.
- 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 approves an increase in subsidised bus fares of 2.5% in that part of the Council area outwith the SPTA Area, effective from Sunday 28 May 2000.

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26 April 2000

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil

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