

<b>NAME OF SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>	<b>COMMUNITIES</b>
<b>DATE OF MEETING</b>	<b>4 March 2014</b>
<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Public Transport Matrix</b>
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<b>CABINET MEMBER</b>	<b>Cllr. W. Gareth Roberts</b>
<b>PURPOSE</b>	<b>For the Committee to consider the suitability of the public transport matrix.</b>

## **Background**

1. Over the last two years the Council's Integrated Transport Unit has undertaken a challenging programme of retendering all of the Council's Public and Education Transport services.
2. Although the nature of the field means that the transport contracts situation set by the Council must be adapted regularly, it is believed that the Council is now in a position to take a cross-county overview of the transport network which receives a subsidy from the Council in order to establish whether the services provide value for money and whether they meet the basic transport needs of the County's communities.
3. Some years ago, a matrix was developed by the Task Group which was working on behalf of the Environment Scrutiny Committee in order to try to establish a logical basis for comparing the services which received a subsidy. The Environment Scrutiny Committee discussed and gave its approval to the matrix.
4. Although the matrix was developed, it was not used as a tool to influence the Council's investment in the transport services and shortly afterwards the retendering work was commenced. It was decided that the retendering would be given priority and that the work of assessing the county network should be postponed until that work had been completed.
5. With the retendering having been completed, ensuring value for money is a high priority, especially in the current challenging financial period. However, as some years have passed since the matrix was developed, it is believed that it is appropriate for the Scrutiny Committee to revisit it and see whether it is appropriate to assist the process. Despite the robustness of the principles and

basic structure of the matrix, it is considered that the Committee might want to adapt aspects of it before it is used in particular in terms of the weight given to the various factors.

6. The main factors of the current matrix are:
  - i. Cost per passenger;
  - ii. The route/areas serviced;
  - iii. Numbers of passengers;
  - iv. Other travel options;
  - v. Type of service – day/night/weekend; and
  - vi. Access to services.

The Committee might wish to consider the appropriateness of these factors along with the different weighting given to them within the matrix.

7. A copy of the matrix is appended with this report. Officers from the Regulatory Department will give a presentation on the matrix at the beginning of the item in the Committee and will outline some of the matters which need consideration or confirmation of suitability by the Committee.
8. Any adaptations to the matrix proposed by the Committee will be presented for the attention of the Cabinet Member who will decide on the final matrix and if he wishes to use it as a tool to develop options for shaping the future of the transport services provided in Gwynedd.