

<b>MEETING</b>	THE COUNCIL
<b>DATE</b>	20 OCTOBER 2011
<b>TITLE</b>	BUS STOP
<b>PURPOSE</b>	TO RESPOND TO A NOTICE OF MOTION
<b>REPORT BY</b>	ALED DAVIES - HEAD OF REGULATORY DEPARTMENT
<b>PORTFOLIO LEADER</b>	COUNCILLOR W. GARETH ROBERTS, SENIOR PORTFOLIO LEADER - ENVIRONMENT

- 1.1 The Caernarfon local bus service station is located in Pool Side. This purpose built location facilitates access to the town centre. It is also an interchange between services and works effectively in terms of the logistics of bus and pedestrian movements into and out of the town centre. There are also public conveniences at hand, which is identified as an useful element in a busy bus station such as Caernarfon.
- 1.2 It is worth noting that the current arrangements for coaches include a designated area for dropping off passengers on Castle Square, and also enable coaches to drop off and pick up visitors at the bus stop near the Empire building on Balaclava Road. This arrangement is useful during busy times of the year, and reduces traffic pressure in the town centre.
- 1.3 The reason for locating the drop-off and pick-up point on Balaclava Road was to encourage coach trip visitors to walk through the town and spend time in the walled town. It seems that the majority of coaches use the drop-off area on Castle Square, and the Regulatory Department and the Economy and Community Department are supportive for that arrangement to continue in the future.
- 1.4 It is important to note that practical restrictions with regard to using Castle Square to pick up coach trip visitors include its size, location and suitability as a long-stay coach parking site, along with the effect on traffic flow and on the safety of those using Castle Square.
- 1.5 The Departments are of the opinion that the current arrangements meet the needs of the coaches visiting Caernrafon and support the local economy. It is not considered that any changes are required at this time. However, If the current arrangements are to be reviewed, it would be worth considering doing so by consulting with local businesses and groups and building on the consultation that has taken place in developing the town centre plan.