

REPORT OF THE  
**Cabinet / Leader**  
PART II

**199. REFURBISHMENT OF ANDOVER BUS STATION**

1. On 21 July 2011, the Executive Member for Policy and Resources agreed a scheme to refurbish Andover Bus Station. The enhancement project forms a core part of the Town Access Plan and is integral to the town's transport strategy.

2. Three Major Development Areas within the town - East Anton, Andover Airfield and Picket Twenty will incorporate new bus services which will add significantly to the bus network.

3. The enhanced bus station facilities will include:

- additional capacity for buses and coaches
- a new bus station roof with enclosed waiting and internal seating area
- enquiries office
- café area
- Shopmobility facility (improved and relocated from existing site in bus station)
- bus operator office accommodation
- electronic passenger information systems; and
- CCTV coverage.

**200. TRANSPARENCY**

1. On 25 July, the Cabinet considered a report of the Chief Executive updating them on the progress made in relation to Open Data and Transparency in the last year.

2. Cabinet noted that there had been a further increase in the number of Freedom of Information requests despite increased disclosure and publication of information on the County Council's website. The Cabinet also noted in relation to senior salaries that a pay policy statement had been approved by the Employment in Hampshire County Council Committee on 20 July 2011. The statement provided an outline of the County Council's approach to senior officer and all other staff remuneration. Cabinet suggested that it may be beneficial to also disclose the salaries of senior teaching staff in Hampshire and asked that this matter be investigated further.

3. Cabinet also approved subject to a minor re-wording a Policy Statement on Transparency. The key elements of the Policy are:

- A commitment to the principles of transparency and publication of information in a format that is meaningful and can be used and shared by others.
- A recognition that accountability and transparency are two different things and that information requires context to be useful.

## **201. OPEN FOR BUSINESS – A REVIEW OF KEY STRATEGIES AND PROGRESS; BUILDING ON SUCCESS AND IMPROVEMENT**

1. The Cabinet considered a report of the Chief Executive providing a summary of the County Council's performance during 2010/11 and the refreshed County Council Performance Management Framework, which replaced the previous Driving Success model.

2. The Cabinet noted the successes to date of a series of related Open for Business projects and strategies and welcomed the progress made against key elements of the business strategy. In particular Cabinet noted that the pilot internship programme which began on 18 July provided further employment support to young people, especially from the most vulnerable groups for whom the County Council has corporate parent responsibilities.

3. The direction of travel and emerging priorities set out in the report were endorsed, including the key messages:

- A modern business delivering public services
- Looking after Hampshire, looking out for you
- Committed to excellence
- Making the most of your money

Further details can be found at [www.hants.gov.uk/councilmeetings.htm](http://www.hants.gov.uk/councilmeetings.htm) by typing in the relevant reference number:

- Refurbishment of Andover Bus Station (Search Item Reference 2494)
- Transparency (Search Item Reference 3146)
- Open for Business – A Review of Key Strategies and Progress; Building On Success and Improvement (Search Item Reference 3147)

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