

**WEST AREA COMMITTEE UPDATE**

**At the last meeting of this Committee, a number of issues were raised that required further investigation.**

<b>Ref No.</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Progress</b>	<b>Officer details</b>
01/07 (Minute no 238)	Future operation of the number 35 bus service – a response awaited following a meeting organised by the Head of Passenger Transport at Essex County Council	<p>The number 35 service between Chelmsford and Southend via East Hanningfield/ Rettendon/Battlesbridge and Rayleigh traditionally formed part of the commercial network of services operated by First Essex Buses Limited. In January 2007 Stansted Transit took on operation of the service, operating the same timetable, with minor alterations to certain journeys. The County Council has no jurisdiction over its operation.</p> <p>Due to the poor performance of the service Stansted Transit reduced the frequency in July to provide basically a 90-minute frequency. The major concern from users was that the first and last journeys operated only between Chelmsford and Rayleigh. When Essex County Council asked Stansted Transit the cost of extending these journeys through to Southend, the cost per passenger journey exceeded the County's support criteria and, therefore, they were unable to increase the service.</p>	J Pope, Group Manager, Passenger Transport Essex County Council 01245 437506

		Service 20 is operated by First Essex Buses Ltd as part of their commercial network. Bob Dorr, the Managing Director of First Essex Buses Ltd, has been sent a copy of the wording in Minute no 238 relating to the bus service so that he may consider the suggestion that the frequency of operation be increased and the route altered.	
02/07 (Minute no 238)	Rayleigh West Sewage Works – timescale for the implementation of additional/improved signage at Hullbridge, Battlesbridge and Rawreth Lane.	<p>New signs for Beeches Road and Watery Lane have been ordered where required and the existing signs at the Beeches Road end have been relocated in advance of their previous location so that lorries will see the signs before making the turn into the road.</p> <p>Further advance signing on the A1245 is still being considered, as funding is an issue at present.</p>	L Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
03/07 (Minute no 238)	Christmas Lights in Rayleigh and possible passageway for buses through the proposed road closure.	Peter Wright, Senior Highways Engineer, ECC is dealing with this matter and is awaiting response from the bus operators regarding their view on a total closure. A decision is expected by Friday 24/9/07. If the 'go-ahead' is given, Rochford District Council will then make the Traffic Order.	P Wright Essex County Council 01268 297549

04/07 (Minute no 239)	Whether speed cameras in London Road and Eastwood Road were functioning properly	<p>CI J Walker contacted Camera Enforcement 20/07/07. There is one camera in London Road and two on Eastwood Road, junction with York Road and Whitehouse Chase. All are working and are regularly checked. As a result of the call they will be checked again within the week.</p> <p>The cameras are set to flash at the trigger point speed.</p>	CI J Walker Essex Police 01268 775533
05/07 (Minute no 239)	Reason for delay in adopting roads of the upper part of Victoria Avenue, Rayleigh	These roads are now adopted and Rochford District Council has been advised.	L Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
06/07 (Minute no 239)	Inspection of flagstones in Rayleigh High Street to see whether remedial action was required with respect to gaps between the flagstones	An inspection of the area has taken place and the works ordered.	L Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
07/07 (Minute no 239)	The Bridge on the Old Chelmsford Road – update on the progress of the feasibility study as to whether it might	Battlesbridge – feasibility study is still being worked on.	L Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540

	be possible to install traffic lights on the bridge		
08/07 (Minute no 239)	Timeframe for building display cabinets at the Windmill, Rayleigh	Officers and representative of Historical Society have met with the cabinet maker on site to confirm exact requirements, with installation due in December, 2007.	J Bourne Head of Community Services 01702 318163
09/07 (Minute no 239)	Possibility of establishing a joint Committee with Chelmsford Borough Council in respect of the Battlesbridge Conservation Area.	The Head of Planning & Transportation has opened a dialogue with Chelmsford Borough Council to discuss options for joint working.	S Scrutton Head of Planning & Transportation 01702 318100
10/07 (Minute no 241)	Additional Air Quality Monitoring at the Love Lane/High Street/Castle Road junction, Rayleigh – referral to Executive Board	This item was referred to the Executive Board on 19/7/07 where it was resolved that the Love Lane//High Street/Castle Road junction, Rayleigh be included in the NO <sub>2</sub> modelling project and that a further report be submitted by no later than January 2008 to the Executive Board and the West Area Committee once the detailed Assessments have been completed.	M Howlett Senior Environmental Health Assistant 01702 318049
11/07 (Minute no 241)	Infrastructure associated with any	Infrastructure aspects relating to any potential housing in Rayleigh will be part of	S Scrutton Head of Planning & Transportation

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	new housing proposed for Rayleigh	the consultation on the Local Development Framework core strategy, the timing of which is yet to be confirmed. The Area Committee will be included in the consultation.	01702 318100
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