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Dear Member

## **EXECUTIVE – 23 JANUARY 2006 - CONCESSIONARY FARES SCHEME**

At the meeting of the City Council held on Tuesday 17 January 2006, an amendment to the Executive's recommendation on the Concessionary Travel Scheme for 2006/07 was agreed.

The Executive is requested to reconsider its original proposals in the light of the Council's amendment.

In dealing with the matter, the Executive can –

- (a) submit a revision to their original proposals (which may be the Council's agreed amendment), together with the Executive's reasons for the amendments which would then be submitted to the Council for the Council's consideration;
- (b) inform the Council of any disagreement that the Executive has with the Council's amendment and the Executive's reasons for any such disagreement.

I enclose a copy of the City Council amendment. A copy of the Head of Revenues and Benefit's addendum to the General Budget report which was considered by the Executive on 19 December 2005 has previously been circulated to all Members of the City Council. Further copies can be made available from the Committee Section on request.

This item can be dealt with as Agenda Item A.3(d).

Yours faithfully

Director of Legal and Democratic Services

## **Concessionary Travel amendment**

The Executive recommends that the City Council approve “Free On and Off Peak Travel within the district and a 60% concession on other journeys within Cumbria starting or finishing in Carlisle”.

The financial impact of this revised proposal is estimated as an additional cost to the Council of £106,000. The implications of how to fund this additional cost being considered during the budget process.

That the City Council ask the Executive to arrange a meeting with representatives of Cumbria County Council and the other Cumbrian District Councils in order to investigate the possibility of creating a cross-county scheme for free travel throughout Cumbria.

The Council further resolves to make representations to the Minister for Local Government and the Secretary of State for Transport on the way the scheme is funded penalising Carlisle financially.

The Council also requests both our MP's to make further representations to the Minister for Local Government and the Secretary of State for Transport.

The Council agrees that the Executive should review the scheme after 5 months when actual ridership figures are available and following the result of the representations to the Minister for Local Government and the Secretary of State for Transport.