

APPENDIX 1 – Councillor Mark Thomas - Cabinet Member Environment & Transportation

Scrutiny Programme Committee 16th February 2015

Portfolio Objectives

Transport Policy & Sustainable Transport

- Implementation of 4 Community Bus services operated using Social Services buses and driven/coordinated by DANSA community transport. These services replace those previously operated by conventional bus services and some routes are demand responsive.
- Review and retender of local bus services funded by the Council in Summer 2014.
- Improved cycle routes – Commuter routes network in Swansea Bay area in conjunction with NPTCBC, new route in the Strand, Kings Lane, Pleasant Street, Mumbles Road shared path.
- Preparation and submission of Local Transport Plan 2015-20
- Preparation and submission of annual Progress Report on the Regional Transport Plan 2010-15.
- Achieved 'Safer Bus Station' Accreditation in 2014 for Swansea City Bus station
- Prepared a new Home to School Transport Policy approved by Council in 2014 for introduction in September 2015.
- Concessionary bus passes have been issued to over 60,000 residents. The % of adults aged 60+ who hold a bus pass is 94.4%
- The percentage of park and ride customers who are satisfied/ very satisfied with the service is 99.7%
- The cost per passenger on subsidised bus services is £1.20
- We engaged with users by conducting Customer surveys at park and ride sites and at Swansea City Bus station in 2014.
- We plan to develop and introduce new bus services with First Cymru and Swansea University and cycle links along Fabian Way to the new University Campus.
- To procure a new contract for advertising bus shelters to replace those currently provided by clear channel.

Highways & Transportation

- We are currently undertaking a £6.7m energy reduction programme to replace street lighting lanterns and install dimming equipment. This is funded through the Local Government Borrowing Initiative and will be completed during the next financial year with a projected saving of £400K per annum. In 2013/2014 we made a 432,304 kWh reduction in energy consumption. Our target for 2014/2015 has increased to 500,000 kWh.
- To review the existing city centre road system with a view to a phased simplification and improved accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists. The work is

currently underway, with an options appraisal being made available at the end of the financial year. (Policy commitment 8.15.)

- Introduction of camera car in January 2015 for the reinforcement of Traffic Regulation Orders, focusing around schools, bus routes and bus shelters.
- Seek to reduce the number of Casualties on our roads.
- Increasing the number of young people walking and cycling to school, through the introduction of Safe Routes in Communities projects. This year the council successful bid for £550k for the Townhill area. The scheme is currently on site and will be completed by the end of the financial year.
- The Highways & Engineering section are implementing the traffic calming measures for the Townhill area.
- The introduction of 20MPH speed limits along roads in the vicinity of the following schools will be financed through the Council's revenue budget 2014/2015. A budget of £100,000 has been allocated to Road Safety. Schools: Pengelli Primary School, Llangyfelach Primary School, Birchgrove Comprehensive School, Mayals Primary School, Gendros Primary School and Knelston Primary School.
- Increase the number of cars using park and ride services.
- The Morfa Distributor Road has been designed to boost regeneration of the Tawe Riverside Corridor from the Liberty Stadium to New Cut Road. The scheme is being developed in stages to tie-in with redevelopment proposals along the route and to align with a phased funding programme. Stage 1, the new junction at Morfa Road and New Cut Road was completed March 2014. Stage 2 of the scheme will run from Landore Express Bus Route to the former Hastie's yard and is scheduled for completion by September 2015.
- The Neighbourhood Working group have plans to publish a 2015-20 Programme for Planned Resurfacing. They are also looking to complete the 2010-2015 Asset Management Plan.
- The percentage of reported fly tipping incidents on relevant land cleared within 5 working days is close to our target.
- A review of Public Toilets is underway.
- Tidy City work with probation service, communications established and ongoing.
- We engage with elected members for the PATCH programme.
- The NEAT / Probation Service carry out work in reaction to elected members and PACT members.
- Central Transport Unit – Finance & Budget. Following a fleet review (and second phase on-going). A reduction in fleet size by 50 vehicles has given a saving of £160,000 per annum. Home to Work charges introduced have contributed £55,000 per annum.
- Central Transport Unit – Environment. A collaborative working group is seeking funding for electric vehicle infrastructure (may wish to expand to City scheme). 10 electric vehicles already in fleet and trials ongoing with hybrid vehicle technologies.

Waste Services

- Introduced the 3 bag limit for residual waste
- Reduced residual waste by approx. 7,000T per year
- Met the 52% recycling target for the first time
- Improved recycling performance with anticipated result for this year being 56%
- Procured a partner to operate and eventually close Tir John landfill site
- Targeted Trade Waste Service for increased recycling
- On target for achieving the £350K savings for the year.