

## Planning and Environment Committee

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<b>Title:</b>	<b>Travel Plan Working Group Update</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>12 March 2024</b>
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### 1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To report on action by the Travel Plan Working Group (TPWG) taken since last P&E meeting on 20 February 2024.

### 2. General Update

- 2.1 Since the last meeting the TPWG has been focusing on establishing the need for a Community Bus in Thame

### 3. Community Bus Update

#### 3.1 Community Consultation

- 3.1.1 On 29/02/24 at 3pm, 6pm and 7pm 'Community Consultation' meetings were delivered from Thame Town Hall by members of the TPWG, supported by the Environmental Project Officer.
- 3.1.2 There was a large turn out to the afternoon meeting, with over 60 people attending. The evening meetings were less well attended, with c.15 at 6pm and c.8 (including 2 other Councillors) at the 7pm meeting.
- 3.1.3 Attendees had the opportunity to learn more about what services were already available and ask questions about these. They were then asked to feedback what they felt was good, missing, a barrier to them using public transport, and what else they felt a Community Transport Service might be able to deliver.
- 3.1.4 Many questions were raised about the extension of the 121 service, the majority of which we were able to answer. Some of these will be taken back to OCC for further feedback.
- 3.1.5 Thank you to the Councillors who attended to support the event.

#### 3.2 Next Steps

- 3.2.1 A survey has been created and is currently live for residents who were not able to attend one of the face-to-face meetings. This will close on 22nd March.
- 3.2.2 This information will then be analysed and from this it is hoped a proposed 'Community Bus Service' will be launched. Members of the community who have expressed an interest in playing a role in this service will be brought in to help to shape this and play a part in delivery.
- 3.2.3 Delivery will be through the new Community Interest Organisation, and therefore will depend on this being established and relevant staff roles being recruited to move the project forward.

### Action Required

- i) To note the report.