

## COUNTY COUNCIL – 2 DECEMBER 2014

### Item 5 - Petition – Subsidised Bus Routes

At its meeting on 2 December the County Council had a Full Council debate regarding a petition that had been received regarding proposals to reduce subsidised bus routes across Hastings and Rother. The petition had 6815 signatures and as the number exceeded 5000 the Council's Petition Scheme allowed for the petition to be debated by the Full Council. As the issue is one on which the Council's Cabinet is required to make the final decision, the Council had the opportunity to decide whether to make recommendations to inform that decision.

As set out in the Council's Petition Scheme, the Council must provide confirmation of the Council's decision regarding the Full Council debate in relation to the petition. The Council agreed the following motion as its recommendation to inform the Cabinet's decision

*This council recommends that the cabinet reject the current proposals to significantly reduce the level of financial support that facilitates a number of bus services that operate to serve everyday life in an acceptable manner across many parts of East Sussex. Council appreciates the support from thousands of ordinary citizens, businesses, and those who through advancing years, infirmity and potential isolation, depend totally upon this level of financial support that allows for the provision of those services now under threat.*

This motion will form part of the report regarding subsidised bus services to be considered by the Cabinet at its meeting on 16 December 2014.