

DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE

Bus Vannin Accessibility Steering Group Meeting Monday 20th February 2023 at 2pm The Boardroom, Sea Terminal Building

Present:

Mr S Peters, MHK (SP)

██████████ (KW)

██████████ (DC)

██████████ (SU)

In attendance:

██████████ Head of Operations, Bus Vannin (IB)

██████████ Airport Director (GC)

██████████ Design Engineer, Highways Division (BA)

██████████ Project Officer (SC) (Notetaker)

Apologies:

██████████ Deputy CEO, Department of Infrastructure (EC)

1.	Introductions Attendees of the meeting introduced themselves.	
2.	Apologies Apologies were noted from EC	
3.	Minutes of the Last Meeting Minutes of the last meeting were agreed	
4.	Actions from the Last Meeting (i) <u>Victoria Street, Lloyds Bank</u> SC confirmed that she had raised these issues with BA (ii) <u>17 Bus Stops to be made accessible</u> SC confirmed that she had forwarded this list to members of the Steering Group. (iii) <u>Free School Buses Appeals Process</u> IB confirmed that he had circulated a copy to members of the Steering Group. (iv) <u>Revised Terms of Reference, Mobility Scooter Trial Implementation & Airport Accessibility</u> It was noted that these were Agenda items for further discussion	

<p>5.</p>	<p>Revised Terms of Reference</p> <p>It was noted that the revised Terms of Reference, incorporating the wider remit of the Group had been approved.</p> <p>SC suggested that it would be appropriate to publish the Terms of Reference, and confirmed that she would make enquiries regarding this.</p>	<p>SC</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Airport Issues</p> <p>Airport Director ██████ (GC) updated the members of the Steering Group of the possibility of establishing a Passenger Accessibility Group, as a sub-division of the Steering Group. The Group would be able to provide input with regards to airport terminal developments, in addition to provide input into the potential for familiarisation visits, for people with anxiety-induced issues.</p> <p>Mr Peters reported that he was very keen to reduced beaurocracy, and requested that GC bring a plan to the Steering Group for consideration.</p> <p>Discussion took place regarding whether the Group should also be looking at the Isle of Man Steam Packet Company Ltd.</p> <p>GC suggested a forum take place at the airport, and it was noted that an afternoon meeting would be more suitable for the bus times.</p> <p>Discussion took place regarding the carriage of wheelchair maintenance tools on flights. SU agreed to send pictures of the toolkits to CG, so that he could make further enquiries.</p>	<p>GC/SC</p> <p>SU</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Mobility Scooter Trial Implementation</p> <p>IB confirmed that he would circulate the risk assessment for the mobility scooter trial, and requested the comments of the Steering Group.</p> <p>IB reported that the Department is now a member of the CPT, and that he was seeking to arrange a visit to the Island in March by a CPT representative, who could then provide the advice needed for progression of the trial.</p>	<p>IB/ALL</p>
<p>8.</p> <p>(i)</p>	<p>Highways Issues</p> <p><u>Highway Code</u></p> <p>BA circulated gov.uk guidance regarding changes to the Highway Code, published January 2022. BA advised that the Isle of Man was looking to implement these changes.</p> <p>DC expressed concerns regarding the impact for pedestrians, including that cyclists riding 2-abreast has an impact upon traffic, which increases pollution, and bicycles on pavements.</p> <p>Discussion took place regarding consideration of a £10 licence for cyclists.</p>	

