

## **COMMUNITY BUS SERVICE FOR FIVE RIVERS HEALTH & WELLBEING CENTRE**

### Purpose of the report

1. To update the board on progress to put in place a scheme to facilitate a bus link for the community to access the new Five Rivers Health & Wellbeing Centre.

### Background

2. When the planning permission for the then Five Rivers Campus (now referred to as the Health & Wellbeing Centre) was agreed, the following condition was included:
  13. Prior to the occupation of any of the new buildings, the subject of this application, details of the provision of the proposed community bus, its funding arrangements and its proposed route and timetabling shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The Community bus shall be operated in accordance with the agreed routeing and timetabling, unless alternative arrangements are agreed by the local planning authority.

REASON; In the interests of encouraging use of sustainable transport modes to access the site.

### Proposal

3. To pilot a community bus scheme in partnership with the transport service run by Wessex Community Action, to initially run one day a week, on a Thursday, from the city centre to Five Rivers.
4. The estimated cost of providing this service is £2,000 (based on the operator costs of £50 a day, running the service for 38 weeks from May 2016 – May 2017).
5. The service would provide two return trips on the Thursday to coincide with classes at the HWC, giving users of the service a range of leisure options to choose from, in addition to swimming and the fitness suite.
6. Users of the service would be charged a fee of £1.50, and this income would be returned to the Area Board for it to use, either to continue the scheme for future years, or to use for other community projects.

### Recommendation

7. To confirm support for the pilot and to allocate £2,000 to fund the scheme.