IN THE MATTER OF THE BUS SERVICES ACT 2017

AND THE TRANSPORT ACT 2000 S138G (5)

WEST BERKSHIRE LOCAL TRANSPORT AUTHORITY [LTA]

NOTICE THAT WEST BERKSHIRE LTA HAVE MADE AN ENHANCED PARTNERSHIP PLAN AND SCHEME

By Delegated Decision of the Service Director Environment, dated 28th June, 2021, West Berkshire LTA gave its approval to proceed with the development of an Enhanced Partnership. The commencement of this was confirmed through the Notice of Intention to prepare an Enhanced Partnership Plan and accompanying Enhanced Partnership Schemes [EP] as required and set out in section138F of the Transport Act 2000 and published on the same date.

An EP is an agreement that enables Local Authorities and Operators to set shared aims with regard to improving bus services.

The Enhanced Partnership Plan will cover the entire geographical area of West Berkshire Council.

The Bus Services Act 2017 amended the Transport Act 2000 to provide the LTA with powers to reform the bus market in West Berkshire and these provisions provide for new types of Partnership Schemes in West Berkshire. Pursuant to this, the West Berkshire Enhanced Partnership Plan and Scheme has been **made**.

TAKE NOTICE THAT FOLLOWING CONSULTATION, A MODIFICATION TO THE PROPOSED PLAN AND SCHEME WAS MADE AND THE MODIFICATION WAS SENT TO ALL OPERATORS AND STATUTORY CONSULTEES ON 24TH FEBRUARY, 2022.

No (or insufficient) objections having been received, TAKE NOTICE that West Berkshire LTA by decision of West Berkshire Council's Executive Board on 24th March, 2022 have now **made the Modified Plan and Scheme** which can be viewed here:

https://info.westberks.gov.uk/enhancedpartnership

TO: ALL STATUTORY CONSULTEES UNDER S138G (5) (a) to (c)

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WEST BERKSHIRE LTA

01 April, 2022.