

## EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD SHEET

**Name of decision maker:** Ian Reay

**Portfolios:** Regeneration and Planning

**Date of Portfolio Holder Decision:** 6 August 2007

**Title of Decision:** Tring Station Gateway Charter

**Decision made and reasons:**

That Councillor Reay sign the above Charter on behalf of Dacorum Borough Council.

**Background**

Officers and Councillor Hollinghurst have been involved for some time with the above project to enhance Tring Station, improve its accessibility by sustainable transport and encourage its use for off-peak leisure trips.

The station is identified in the Local Transport Plan 2005/06-2010/11, and funds have been allocated for 2008/09.

Most recently, workshops have been held with Paul Comerford, Inspire East Enabler. There it was agreed that a charter for the project should be developed and signed up to by the various partners. The benefits of having a Charter are to:

1. Provide clarity of purpose for the partnership.
2. Indicate a common purpose of the partnership.
3. Demonstrate commitment to the project from a wide range of interested parties.
4. Provide a demonstration of the strength of the partnership to potential funders.
5. Indicate key areas to focus resources on.
6. Provide a mechanism for checking proposals and amendments to scheme in planning stages and once completed.

The charter is as follows:

**Tring Station Charter**

Tring Station should seek to:

1. Provide visitors with a welcoming and informative experience;
2. Provide commuters with safe and convenient access to the railway;
3. Provide a gateway to and link between local settlements, attractions and the wider countryside;
4. Integrate the local transport and access infrastructure;

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5. Increase off-peak access to high quality countryside in the Chilterns AONB;
6. Be an exemplar for sustainable design, construction and management within the Chilterns AONB;
7. Develop ways to increase the numbers of people travelling by sustainable forms of transport;
8. Be financially viable and improve economic and social wellbeing in the locality;
9. Build on and add value to the west coast line upgrade to provide improved facilities to existing and potential users.

The Charter is in keeping with the sustainable development principles in the Borough Local Plan, particularly in terms of transport and building design. It does not compromise the Council's ultimate responsibility for development control decision-making or involve financial commitment beyond officer time.

**Reports considered: ( here reference can be made to specific documents)**  
Tring Station Charter

**Officers/Councillors/Ward Councillors/Stakeholders Consulted:**  
Head of Planning and Regeneration

**Monitoring Officer/Chief Financial Officer Comments:**  
No comment.

**Risk Implications**  
None from signing the Charter, but support from Govia (the new franchisee) and Network Rail will be essential to make the project a reality.

**Options Considered and reasons for rejection:**  
If the Borough Council were not to sign up to the Charter it would severely compromise the strong, wide-ranging partnership that has developed, and its ability to attract funding.

**Portfolio Holders Signature:**

**Date:**

**Details of any interests declared and any dispensations given by the Standards Committee:**

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