

COMMITTEE:	CABINET
DATE:	Thursday 7 November 2002
SUBJECT:	EASTBOURNE BUSES LIMITED - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
REPORT OF:	Director of Planning, Regeneration & Amenities
Ward(s):	All
Purpose:	The purpose of this report is to obtain the Council's instructions to the Leader of the Council to the voting of the Council's shares at the Annual General Meeting of the Company.
Contact:	Norman Kinnish, Director of Planning, Regeneration & Amenities, Telephone 01323 415008 or internally on extension 5008.
Recommendations:	1. That at the Company's Annual General Meeting, the Leader of the Council vote the Council's shares in favour of:- (1) adopting the accounts (2) re-appointing the Auditors
1.0	<u>Introduction</u>
1.1	Eastbourne Buses Limited is a company limited by shares. It is controlled by the Council under the terms of the Transport Act 1985.

1.2	The Council holds 1,528,002 Ordinary Shares in Eastbourne Buses Ltd.	
1.3	The Chairman of this Committee votes the Council's shareholding at the General Meetings of the Company in accordance with the Council's instructions.	
1.4	The Annual General Meeting of the Company will take place on Thursday 14 November 2002 at 11am. A copy of the most recent Statutory Accounts and Directors' Report is available for inspection at my office.	
2.0	<u>Financial</u>	
2.1	For the financial year ending 30th September 2001 the Company made a loss after taxation of £69,192.	
2.2	The Members are referred particularly to the Directors' Report where it is recommended that no dividend be paid.	
2.3	The Council has a debenture in return for the transfer of assets to the Company. The debenture is secured against the Company's land, buildings, plant and fixtures. During the financial year the company paid £34,615 debenture interest to the Council.	
2.4	The Company also made a capital repayment to the Council during the financial year, this being £50,000.	
3.0	<u>Review of Business</u>	
3.1	The Company did achieve a growth in turnover of 4.22% despite no increase in fares. Operating costs have increased by 3.47% in support of this. Administrative costs include a number of exceptional items which have also increased in the areas of insurance and the purchase of new software. The coaching operation increased its turnover by 15.12%, contributing a profit of £36,878 to the company.	
3.2	The injection of cash brought about by the issue of shares to Via Gti (UK) Ltd, has for the present been invested, and proposals for improving the company's services and profile are currently under discussions.	
4.0	<u>Shareholding</u>	

4.1	This will be the second AGM attended	by Keolis as a shareholder.
<p>Norman Kinnish</p> <p>Director of Planning, Regeneration & Amenities</p>		
<p>Background Papers:</p> <p>The Background Papers used in compiling this report were as follows:</p> <p>Directors' Report and Accounts of Eastbourne Buses for year ending 30 September 2001.</p> <p>To inspect or obtain copies of background papers please refer to the contact officer listed above.</p>		
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