TRANSPORT POLICY STRATEGY (P.70/98 RE-ISSUED) - COMMENTS

Presented to the States on 2nd June 1998 by the Policy and Resources Committee



Comments

The Policy and Resources Committee would wish to remind the States that in September 1995 in approving the Strategic Policy Review "2000 and Beyond", the States requested the Public Services Committee to produce a sustainable Island transport policy which must ensure inter-alia the provision of a comprehensive Island-wide public transport service which will give higher priority to the interests of the pedestrian and the cyclist.

The Committee is of the opinion that the report and proposition of the Public Services Committee falls short of this requirement. The Committee is also concerned that in the preparation of its transport strategy the Public Services Committee has not sought to consult with interested parties to the extent that the Committee believes should have occurred in the formulation of a strategy that has such a central role to play in the pursuit of the States Strategic Policy objectives.

As a result, the Committee considers that the Public Services Committee's report and proposition does not address as fully as it should -

- 1. encouraging the use of public transport and minimising the use of other vehicles:
- 2. the integration of the transport and land use planning which is widely recognised as fundamental to a sustainable transport strategy;
- 3. full evaluation of the potential of using information technology in the regulation of traffic;
- 4. the absence of targets or objectives against which the future actions can be measured;
- 5. the obligations of the Insular Authorities to the Rio Earth Summit Climate Change Convention to which the Authorities are a party.