The Area Engineer reported on the Canterbury Regional Council's proposed cross suburban bus service to operate from the Northlands Mall to Princess Margaret Hospital which was due to commence in July.

The matter of bus stops and bus shelters along those parts of the route in the Board's area is to be separately reported to the Board in due course.

Mention was made that the intended service did not include the Bishopdale Shopping Centre but that it was likely that this aspect would be considered by the Regional Council as part of the its first review of the new service.

Other matters referred to by members included the small print size used on the timetables positioned in bus shelters and the point was re-made that the Regional Council's contract specifications should be flexible to provide for the use of smaller buses when and where required.

On these various the Board decided:

- 1. That the information be received.
- 2. That the inclusion of the Bishopdale Shopping Centre in the bus route be considered by the Canterbury Regional Council as part of its first review of the new service.
- 3. That the provision of bus stops and bus shelters for the service be reported back to the Board.
- 4. That the Canterbury Regional Council be asked to consider an increase in the print size used on the timetables located in bus shelters.
- 5. That the Canterbury Regional Council be again advised of the Board's view that contract specifications should provide for the use of smaller buses when and where required.

Note: Keith Nuttall declared an interest in this issue and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of this clause.