**EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF THE PLANNING and HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE – THURSDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2021**

**RESPONSE TO ESCC CONSULTATION ON LOCAL BUS SERVICES**

**P38/09/21 Consultation on Improving Bus Services**

The Committee considered report 76/21 of the Planning Officer presenting a consultation by East Sussex County Council on improving bus services.

It was RESOLVED to DELEGATE to the Planning Officer to submit a response to the survey on the Committee’s behalf, based on comments from the Committee at this meeting, as follows;

* The 12X limited stop Eastbourne /Brighton service should have at least one additional stop between Seaford Library and Newhaven to serve residents in the Claremont Road/Belgrave Road area (i.e at Claremont Road) and, ideally, a second stop at Hill Rise or Bishopstone Crossroads to serve Bishopstone residents.
* Too many 12 buses terminate at Seaford Library, discouraging Seaford West residents from using public transport if visiting east of Seaford.
* Currently anyone attempting to go by bus to Eastbourne District General Hospital from Seaford is required to get two tickets for the two separate journeys. There should be an easier ticketing system for Seaford residents making this journey. If this route is covered by a rover ticket, this should be better publicised.
* The use of hydrogen buses should be encouraged.
* At the present time the 120 Bishopstone service, which is the most successful local bus route, is restricted on a Saturday by the fact that the Compass buses are too wide to negotiate Hawth Park Road due to the parking on both sides. This problem should be resolved by the use of the narrower Cuckmere buses which operate on the route during the rest of the week.
* There should be a reduction in fares to encourage greater use