

REPORT TO: PLANNING & TRANSPORT COMMITTEE - 14 JANUARY 2008

REPORT ON: LOCAL BUS SERVICE SUBSIDY

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION

REPORT NO: 5-2008

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To seek approval of the proposed subsidised local bus services for 2008/09.

2 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee approve the schedule of subsidised local bus services specified in Appendix 1 for the financial year 2008/09.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The projected expenditure on Local Bus Service support is approximately £503,000 for 2007/2008. As a result of these proposals, the Local Bus Service Support budget will be approximately £403,000 for 2008/09.

4 BACKGROUND

4.1 Local Bus Services in and around the City of Dundee are primarily provided commercially (with no financial support from Dundee City Council) by the local bus operators. It is estimated that 95% of bus services are operated commercially in Dundee.

4.2 There are occasions where it is deemed socially necessary to provide local bus services to the local community where it is not financially viable for the local bus operator to provide the service commercially. This is usually in very early mornings, late evenings or in areas away from the main commercial bus routes.

4.3 In Dundee the annual cost of bus support has been contained within budget limits since 1996. This has been achieved through costs increasing in line with the Retail Price Index, as opposed to significant transport inflation that has been experienced throughout the UK where annual tenders are issued.

4.4 The Director of Planning & Transportation has undertaken a review of the journeys that are currently subsidised and a revised schedule of contracts has been identified taking into account the need to achieve Best Value for the Council. Local Bus Service contracts receive an annual Retail Price Increase effective on 01 July each year.

4.5 The proposed revised schedule of subsidised local bus services is provided in Appendix 1. Details of local bus services where financial support will no longer continue after 01 April 2008 can be found in Appendix 2.

4.6 The nature of the changes will require updates of the Council's public transport information systems and an allowance of £15,000 has been made in the Department's 2007/2008 revenue budget to allow for the preparation of these updates.

- 4.7 Traditionally bus service changes are made on Sundays or Mondays, therefore the changes will come into effect on Sunday, 6 April or Monday, 7 April 2008.

5 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This Report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management.

The major issues identified are in terms of reduction in access to early morning and late evening bus services. Future development of Demand Responsive Transport system(s) will address these gaps in provision.

6 CONSULTATIONS

- 6.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Head of Finance and Assistant Chief Executive (Community Planning) have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 None

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APPENDIX 1 - LOCAL BUS SERVICE FINANCIAL SUPPORT - 2008/2009 ONWARDS

BV CONTRACT NO ROUTE DESCRIPTION

D1 Service 28 Douglas - City Centre - Charleston (Balgarthno Road) and reverse
 Service 29 Douglas - City Centre - Charleston (Dunholm Road) and reverse

Operated by Travel Dundee

Ex Balgarthno Road	Mon-Fri	28	28	29		
Ex Dunholm Road	Mon-Fri	05:00	05:20		06:32	
Ex Balgarthno Road	Sat	28	28			
Ex Dunholm Road	Sat	05:00	06:30			
Ex Balgarthno Road	Sun	28AS	28	28AS	28	
Ex Dunholm Road	Sun	08:07	08:52	09:07	09:54	
<i>AS: operates Albert Square only</i>						
Ex Balunie Terrace	Mon-Fri	28	28	29	28	
Ex Whitehall Street	Mon-Fri	05:10	06:05		06:30	
Ex Balunie Terrace	Sat	28	28	29	29	
Ex Whitehall Street	Sat	05:04	05:54		06:29	
Ex Balunie Terrace	Sun	28	28	28	28	29
Ex Whitehall Street	Sun	07:29	08:34	08:29	09:34	09:29 09:59

BV CONTRACT NO	ROUTE DESCRIPTION					
D2	City Centre - Mill O' Mains - Caird Avenue - City Centre		Operated by Travel Dundee			
	Ex Harris Academy	Mon-Fri	36			
			06:00			
D3	Service 2	Dryburgh - City Centre		Operated by Travel Dundee		
	Ex Linton Road	Mon-Sat	2			
			07:30			
D4	Service 3 Service 4	City Centre - Dryburgh - City Centre City Centre - Dryburgh - City Centre		Operated by Travel Dundee		
	Ex Dryburgh	Mon-Sat	3		3	
	Ex Ward Road	Mon-Sat	06:50		07:10	
D5	City Centre - Kirkton Kirkton - City Centre		Operated by Travel Dundee			
	Ex Albert Square	Mon-Fri	18		18	
		Sat	06:00		06:42	
			06:00		06:39	
	Ex Kirkton	Mon-Fri	18		18	
		Sat	05:35		07:15	
			05:35		06:15 06:55 07:10	

BV CONTRACT NO	ROUTE DESCRIPTION						
D6	Woodside - City Centre City Centre - Woodside						Operated by Travel Dundee
	Ex Kerrsview Terrace	Mon-Sat	21 06:49	21 07:19			
	Ex Commercial Street	Mon-Sat	07:07	07:37			
D7	Service 15 Service 17	Whitfield - City Centre and reverse Whitfield - City Centre - Ninewells Hospital and reverse					Operated by Travel Dundee
	Ex Whitfield	Mon-Sat	17 06:45	17 05:15 08:20	15 10:00	17 05:50	17 06:20
		Sun					15 06:50 NS
	Ex Ninewells	Mon-Sat	17 09:11	17 05:35	17 06:05		
		Sun					

BV CONTRACT NO	ROUTE DESCRIPTION		Operated by Travel Dundee					
D8	Service 22	Ninewells Hospital - City Centre - Downfield - And Reverse						
		Ex Ninewells	22L	22	22	22	22	22HS
		Ex High Street	04:42	05:15	05:35	05:33	06:25	07:02
		Ex Ninewells	22L	22	22	22	22	22HS
		Ex High Street	04:42	05:20	05:48	06:03	06:46	06:57
			<i>L operates to Laird Street via Cox Street</i>					
			<i>HS Ninewells to High Street only</i>					
		Ex Ninewells	22	22	22	22	22	
		Ex High Street	07:35	08:10	08:45	09:20	09:55	
		Ex St Marys	22	22	22			
		Ex Downfield	05:00					
		Ex Whitehall Street		05:52	06:30			
		Ex St Marys	22	22	22			
		Ex Downfield	05:00					
		Ex Whitehall Street		05:40	06:18			
		Ex St Marys	22	22	22	22	22	22
		Ex Downfield			08:12	08:47	09:22	
		Ex Whitehall Street	07:13	07:55			09:57	09:57

BV CONTRACT NO	ROUTE DESCRIPTION								
D9	Service 1A Service 1B	St Marys - Beechwood - Moncur Crescent - City Centre and Reverse St Marys - Beechwood - Main Street - City Centre and Reverse	Operated by Travel Dundee						
	Ex Laird Street	Mon-Fri	1A 05:55	1A 06:24	1B 06:35	1A 06:45	1B 06:50		
		Sat	1A 05:55	1B 06:24	1A 06:40	1B 06:50	1A 06:59		
		Sun	1B 06:53						
	Ex Albert Square	Mon-Fri	1A 05:35	1B 06:00	1A 06:20	1A 06:35			
		Sat	1B 05:30	1B 06:00	1A 06:16	1B 06:26	1A 06:35		
		Sun	1A 06:33						
D10	Service 10/12 Service 9/11	City Centre - Barnhill - Whitfield - Kirkton - Ninewells Hospital Ninewells Hospital - Kirkton - Whitfield - Barnhill - City Centre	Operated by Travel Dundee						
	Ex High Street	Mon-Sat	10	12	10	12			
	Ex Balunie Drive	Mon-Fri		06:30			06:25	06:55 SO	
	Ex Derwent Avenue	Mon-Sat	06:30						
	Ex Ninewells	Mon-Sat	9	11	9	11	9	9	
	Ex Derwent Avenue	Mon-Sat	05:40	06:10	06:05	06:35	07:05 M-F		
	Ex Derwent Avenue	Sun						22:53	22:53

D14 Service 39A Technology Park - Perth Road - City Centre - And Reverse

Operated by Stagecoach Strathtay

Ex Whitehall Street	Mon-Fri	39A 1841	39A 1941	39A 2041	39A 2141	39A 2241
Ex Technology Park	Mon-Fri	39A 1913	39A 2013	39A 2113	39A 2213	39A 2313

APPENDIX 2

LOCAL BUS SERVICES WHERE FINANCIAL SUPPORT WILL NOT CONTINUE AFTER 01 APRIL 2008

Service 4 Ex Ward Road	Operated by Travel Dundee Mon-Sat 0650
Service 9 Outer Circular Ex Ninewells Hospital	Operated by Travel Dundee Mon-Sat 2308
Service 10 Outer Circular Ex Kirkton Ex Ninewells Hospital	Operated by Travel Dundee Mon-Sat 0530 Mon-Sat 2305
Service 9A Outer Circular Ex Barnhill	Operated by Travel Dundee Mon-Fri 0530
Service 15 Whitfield to City Centre and Reverse Ex Summerfield Avenue Ex Commercial Street	Operated by Travel Dundee Mon-Sat 0500 Mon-Sat 0520
Service 36 Harris Academy - Mill O'Mains Ex Perth Road at Harris Academy	Operated by Travel Dundee Saturday only 0600
Service 51 Fowlis - Liff - Seagate and Reverse Ex Seagate	Operated by Travel Dundee Mon-Sat 1100 Mon-Sat 2130 Sun 1130
Ex Fowlis	Mon-Sat 1129 Mon-Sat 2159 Sun 1159
Service 70 City Centre - Huntly Square - City Centre Ex High Street Ex Huntly Square	Operated by Stagecoach Strathtay Complete Service Withdrawn Mon-Fri 1030 1335 Mon-Fri 1045 1350

Cross boundary Support paid to Angus Council for services from Bridgefoot area into Dundee City.

Cross boundary support paid to Perth and Kinross Council for services from Carse of Gowrie area into Dundee City (including PRI to Ninewells Hospital link).