

## **Review of Subsidised Local Bus Services and Demand Responsive Transport November-December 2014**

Due to a continuing reduction in the amount of funding the Government provides the Council to run local services, and to manage competing demands for services that the Council is legally obliged to provide, Somerset County Council needs to review its allocation of funds for supported bus services. We are now seeking your views on potential changes to the services that we support.

We are changing the way we provide Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) in Somerset and will be routing the vehicles into areas where, due to previous withdrawals of conventional public transport, there is currently no timetabled public transport provision.

As a general principle it is our view that demand responsive services should be retained but as a routed services to provide access for rural communities with particular regard to the needs of our elderly population and people with disabilities who may not have access to a car.

Increasingly difficult choices will need to be made about where we provide support in the future. Routes have been identified by the Council for possible reductions in financial support due to either:

- Availability of services on other days of the week or proximity of alternative services;
- Low passenger use;
- Possible Commercial replacement.

We are also proposing that some services will operate at a reduced frequency rather than our support being entirely withdrawn, to retain the ability for people to make journeys by public transport.

The affected services are listed below. SCC would like to consult with as many Somerset groups and residents as possible and we would be grateful for your views on these proposed changes before a final decision is taken by the Council in 2015.

Route No	Service Details	Operator	Days Operated	Continued Support	Current Provision	Proposed Provision
<b>Withdraw funding for all subsidised journeys</b>						
29	Taunton - Wells	First	Mon - Sat	Commercial Mon - Sat journeys unaffected	Hourly	Every 90 mins
<b>Withdraw funding for subsidised Saturday journeys</b>						
1	Yeovil - Shepton Mallet	SW Coaches	Mon - Sat	Support for Mon - Fri journeys maintained	Saturdays	No Saturdays
6	Bridgwater Town Service	Bakers Dolphin	Mon - Sat	Support for Mon - Fri journeys maintained	Saturdays	No Saturdays
16	Huish Episcopi - Langport - Bridgwater	Hatch Green	Mon - Sat	Support for Mon - Fri journeys maintained	Saturdays	No Saturdays
19	Bridgwater - Street	Webberbus	Mon - Sat	Support for Mon - Fri journeys maintained	Saturdays	No Saturdays
25	Taunton - Dulverton	First	Mon - Sat	Support for Mon - Fri journeys maintained	Hourly	2 hourly
51	Athelney - Stoke St Gregory - Taunton	Hatch Green	Mon - Sat	Support for Mon - Fri journeys maintained	Saturdays	No Saturdays
161	Wells - Shepton Mallet- Frome	First	Mon - Sat	Support for Mon - Fri journeys maintained	Saturdays	No Saturdays
424	Frome - Midsomer Norton	Frome Minibuses	Mon - Sat	Support for Mon - Fri journeys maintained	Saturdays	No Saturdays
668	Shipham - Street	Bakers Dolphin	Mon - Sat	Support for Mon - Fri journeys maintained	Saturdays	No Saturdays
669	Shepton Mallet - Glastonbury	Frome Minibuses	Mon - Sat	Support for Mon - Fri journeys maintained, Sat commercial journeys unaffected	Saturdays	No Saturdays
776	Shepton Mallet - Midsomer Norton	Hatch Green	Mon - Sat	Support for Mon - Fri journeys maintained	Saturdays	No Saturdays
N6	Ilminster and Martock area DRT linking to N10	Nippy Bus	Mon - Sat	Support for Mon - Fri journeys maintained	Saturdays	No Saturdays
N8	West Coker - Yeovil	Nippy Bus	Mon - Sat	Support for Mon - Fri journeys maintained	Saturdays	No Saturdays
<b>Withdraw 50% of funding for subsidised Saturday journeys</b>						
99	Chard - Yeovil	Stagecoach	Mon - Sat	Support for Mon - Fri journeys maintained	Hourly	2 hourly
667	Wincanton - Street	Nippy Bus	Mon - Sat	Support for Mon - Fri journeys maintained	Every 90 mins	3 hourly
<b>Withdraw service</b>						
9	Donyatt - Crewkerne	SCC	Mon - Fri	Replaced with routed DRT	Mon - Fri	DRT
10	Langley Marsh - Wellington	First	Mon - Fri	Replaced with routed DRT	Mon - Fri	DRT
18	Bincombe - Bridgwater	Hatch Green	Tues & Fri	Replaced with routed DRT 1 day per week	Tues & Fri	DRT
102	Bridgwater - Weston Super Mare	First	Mon - Fri	Alternative services available, Routes 21, 37, 67, 75, 375, X75	Mon - Fri	DRT
491	Shipham - Weston Super Mare	Coombs Travel	Thurs	Replaced with routed DRT	Thurs	DRT
608	Bishopswood - Ilminster	Hatch Green	Thurs	Replaced with DRT	Thurs	DRT
647	Alhampton - Strode College	Libra Travel	College days only	Replaced with routed DRT	College days only	DRT
9A	Bishops Lydeard - Wellington - Taunton	Hatch Green	Wed only	Replaced with routed DRT	Wed only	DRT