



# **PROPOSED CHANGES TO LOCAL BUS SERVICES**

## **FROM 28th AUGUST 2016**

### **What is happening?**

The majority of local bus services in York are provided commercially by bus operators. City of York Council does not have any direct control over these services. However, the Council can provide financial support for bus services in areas that would otherwise be unserved, if it considers there is a social need and it has sufficient budget to pay for them.

The council is under significant budget pressure, and has made the decision to reduce its expenditure on local bus services by £200,000 between August 2016 and March 2017, with full-year savings of £350,000 in the 2017/18 financial year.

### **What does this mean for my bus service?**

The council-supported services 20 and 27, plus all supported services which operate on evenings and Sundays, are planned to be withdrawn when current contracts expire in August.

Local bus services which primarily cater for school pupils not entitled to free travel may also be withdrawn or altered. These include services 627, 637, 647, the school-time journeys on service 20, and one weekday return journey on service 19.

Service 142, a North Yorkshire County Council-supported service which receives a small financial contribution from City of York Council, will see a reduction in journeys serving Hessay (one return trip per weekday) from 30th May, along with a new route number (22).

Service X36, a City of York Council-supported service which, until recently, received a contribution from parish councils, is under review.

All other weekday and Saturday daytime services are planned to be retained, with levels of service the same or similar to that which is currently provided.

All changes to City of York Council-supported services will be implemented from 28th August 2016.

### How much does the Council spend on local bus services each year?

The Council spent £850,000 on supported bus services in 2015/16. The Council does not pay for any services that operate commercially. The costs for each of the services proposed for withdrawal or reduction is as follows:

<b>Route no.</b>	<b>Cost per year to the Council (to nearest £1,000)</b>	<b>Saving to be made by withdrawing financial support from 28/8/16</b>
10 (Sun – Thurs evenings)	£36,000	£21,000
11 (Mon-Sat evenings)	£17,000	£10,000
11 (Sundays)	£11,000	£5,000
13 (Sundays)	£12,000	£6,000
14	£48,000	£28,000
16A	£11,000	£6,000
18 (evenings)	£8,000	£5,000
19 (Sundays)	£14,000	£8,000
19 (School-day variation)	£12,000	£6,000
20	£200,000	£118,000
21 (Fri-Sat evening)	£1000	£600
26 (Fri-Sat late evening)	£4,000	£2,000
X36	£12,000	£7,000
142 (service reduction)	£2,000	£1,800 (effective from 30 <sup>th</sup> May)
627	£4,000	£2,000
637	£26,000	£17,000
647	£4,000	£2,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£422,000</b>	<b>£245,400</b>

## **PROPOSALS**

A map of all the routes included in this consultation can be viewed by clicking on the following link:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1G3MI78uSFVaTrB5npH9HHzowrx8&usp=sharing>

### **How do I make comments on the proposals?**

Anyone who wishes to comment, either as an individual or on behalf of an organisation, can do so in one of three ways:

- a) Sending an email to [buses@york.gov.uk](mailto:buses@york.gov.uk)
- b) Writing to Bus Service Consultation, Transport, City of York Council, West Offices, Station Rise, York, YO1 6GA
- c) Attending one of the Bus User Consultation events at West Offices which will be held on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April from 10am – 2pm** and **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April from 3pm – 7pm**.

Please ensure that your response reaches us before **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May**. The Council will not be able to take into account any comments received after this date.