

**City of York Council – Directorate of City Strategy
Tenders for Provision of Subsidised Bus Services
Proposed economies in Subsidised Bus Service Provision**

1. **Bus Services 22,23,27:** This group of services emerged from the changes agreed with First York in September 2004 and included:
- Reintroduced First York services between York & Fulford
 - Improved frequency service to Rawcliffe
 - Reintroduced weekday evening & Sunday services to Leeman Road area, Rawcliffe, and Skelton.

Arriva Yorkshire, which runs mainly commercial services through Fulford, has questioned the provision of a subsidised service over much of their route and, with their tender submission, indicated an intention to run a half hourly service via Heslington Lane and Broadway to eliminate much of the justification for the supported service. Arriva will increase the frequency of its main York to Selby service from 31 July 2006 from every 20 minutes to every 15 minutes through most of the day. The Company has agreed, however, to continue running the service straight along Fulford Road, Main Street and Selby Road provided the Council does not provide more than an hourly frequency service (currently half hourly) via Heslington Lane and Broadway to Fordlands Road. First York has also recently increased the frequency of its Service 7 (Designer Outlet Park & Ride) along this main road route from every 15 minutes to every 10 minutes. A draft timetable for Services 22, 23 has been prepared to reflect this situation, with timings co-ordinated with Service 128 to maintain a half hourly frequency (Monday to Friday) between Broadway and York City Centre. Two little used journeys from Wheldrake to York, which had been included in the previous 22, 23 timetable to supplement the main service from that village, will be lost as part of the changes. These changes would be proposed, even if there was no need to consider containing expenditure commitments.

From surveys carried out by the Council, up to about **150 passenger journeys** (24%) on the service, to and from stops on Broadway, Heslington Lane, and Fordlands Road, could be affected by the reduced service. Possible subsidy savings have not been discussed with bidders, but are estimated at **£10,000 per annum**.

An estimated 50,000 passenger journeys will be affected by the proposed reduced frequency service for Heslington Lane and Fordlands Road (plus Broadway on Saturdays) and the loss of through journeys between Skelton, Clifton Moor and Fulford. Current total annual passengers for all Council subsidised services is 1,006,000. This change will therefore affect up to 5% of current subsidised bus service users.