

Forthcoming Bus Service changes in Daventry District With effect from Sunday 6th January 2019

Northamptonshire County Council has been advised of changes to Stagecoach Midland's commercial bus network with effect from Sunday 6th January 2019. By law, Stagecoach Midlands must inform the County Council of these changes before they are registered publicly although the County Council do not have any powers to prevent these changes from happening.

Aside from the points listed below, there are minor timetable changes to other Stagecoach services in the area but the intension of this briefing note is to capture the key changes to be aware of.

The County Council have requested, under the powers of the Bus Services Act 2017, details of passengers using services from the villages or areas that will no longer have a bus service. We will be sharing this information with prospective bus companies who may wish to run a replacement service. However, given that Stagecoach are withdrawing these journeys because they no longer consider them to be commercially viable to operate, there is no guarantee that any operator will be interested in running any replacement services and there is no County Council subsidy to be able to replace any services on a contractual basis.

There are two instances in South Northamptonshire and one in Kettering/Corby where parish councils and/or town councils have come together to fund a replacement bus service following commercial withdrawals earlier in the year. The procedure as set down by our cabinet member Cllr Ian Morris, should any local groups be interested in such a proposal, is to contact your County Councillor in the first instance who can liaise with relevant officers at the County Council as to what options may be available for such a scheme.

Service D4

THIS SERVICE IS TO BE WITHDRAWN

- Timken (Tennyson Rd, Wordsworth Rd, Taper Way, Dewar Drive in Daventry), Danesholme Road, The Willows and the southern half of Ashby Road (Daventry) will no longer have a bus service. Long Buckby Wharf, Long Buckby Station and Station Road Long Buckby will no longer have a bus service.
- Two peak hour journeys each way run between Monksmoor Park and Royal Oak Way or Long Buckby Station which are funded by the Monksmoor Park section 106. These will also finish from the above date, however we are considering how best to proceed at this time with respect to these journeys.

Service 96

THIS SERVICE WILL NO LONGER CALL AT LONG BUCKBY STATION

- There will be no buses from Station Road, Long Buckby, but service 96 will continue to run every hour to Rugby and Northampton from the centre of the village.
- Service 86 will run every hour from DIRFT to Coventry and therefore it will no longer be possible to travel directly from Long Buckby or West Haddon to Coventry.

Service X7

THE SERVICE BETWEEN BRIXWORTH AND MARKET HARBOROUGH WILL REDUCE TO HOURLY

- There will be some extra peak hour journeys to make the service closer to every half-hour. The service between Brixworth and Northampton remains every 30 minutes, but between Northampton and Milton Keynes also reduces to every hour (although a new service numbered X6 will also run between Northampton and MK)

Service 10/X10

SERVICE BETWEEN MOULTON AND NORTHAMPTON WILL NOW RUN EVERY HOUR RATHER THAN EVERY 30 MINUTES.

- Service X10 will run every hour rather than every 30 minutes between Kettering and Northampton via Moulton but will no longer call at Parklands which is transferred to service X6.
- It will also no longer run beyond Northampton to Mereway or West Hunsbury, instead terminating in the Bus Station.

Service 3

THIS SERVICE IS TO BE WITHDRAWN BETWEEN HARLESTONE MANOR AND NORTHAMPTON

- The Harlestone Manor to Northampton town centre section will not be replaced, but all stops on this route are covered by service 96 every hour.

Service 65

THIS SERVICE IS BEING RETENDERED BY WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL, BUT THE RESULTS ARE NOT YET KNOWN.