LOCAL BUS SERVICES – NETWORK CHANGES DUE IN 2013

What is happening?

The majority of local bus services in York – as elsewhere in England outside of London – are provided commercially by bus operators. City of York Council does not have any direct control over these services. However, in addition to these services, the Council buys services for areas of the city that would otherwise be unserved. The Council does not operate any bus services itself. This leaflet covers changes to some of those services that the Council buys from bus operators. There are several reasons why your bus services may change during 2013, including:

a) Some services may be revised or withdrawn due to changes to other bus routes in the area, for example they may duplicate journeys;
b) Some services no longer adequately serve passengers’ needs;
c) All contracts that the Council has with bus operators only last for a fixed period – usually 4 years. At the end of the contract, the Council has to ask any bus operators interested in providing the service for prices and then agree a timetable and new contract.

What does this mean for my bus service?

If you travel on any of the routes mentioned in this leaflet, you may see a different operator providing the service later in the year. If this happens, there will be no gap in service between the current operator finishing and a new operator starting.

In addition, there is likely to be a change in the areas served and the timetables for routes 24 and 26 in April this year.

Passengers will be informed of any changes by the bus operator in advance of them taking place.
How much does the Council spend on local bus services each year?

The Council’s total budget for all the additional bus services it bought in 2012/13 was £812,460. The Council does not pay for any services that operate commercially. The costs for each of the services in this leaflet are as follows:

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<th>Route number</th>
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How do I make comments on the proposals?

The pages below outline the Council’s proposals for services in each area.

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 transport.planning@york.gov.uk before 8 February;

b) Writing to Paul Brand, City of York Council, West Offices, Station Rise, YORK, YO1 6GA to arrive before 8 February;

c) Attend the Bus User Consultation Event at York Explore (central library) on 8 February.

It is important that, if you wish to make comments or ask any questions on any of the routes and timetables covered in this leaflet, you do so now. The Council will not be able to take into account any comments or respond to any detailed questions after this date until contracts are awarded later in the year.
INITIAL PROPOSALS

**SOUTH BANK** to city centre – current route 15

The Council intends to provide a service that, for residents of South Bank, will provide:

- An hourly connection with the first bus arriving in the city centre before 08.30. The last return bus will leave the city centre after 18.00;
- The same timetable will operate Monday to Saturday;
- No changes are proposed to other services in the area, notably: the daytime service on route 11, which First Group operates commercially; the evening service on route 11 that First Group operates via South Bank under contract; the Sunday service on route 11 that Yorkshire Coastliner operates via South Bank; or services on route 21.

**ACASTER MALBIS** to city centre, including connections from **BISHOPTHORPE** and **SOUTH BANK** area to Askham Bar and Foss Islands – route 21

Services on route 21 are jointly funded by City of York Council and North Yorkshire County Council.

The Council does not propose making any changes to services on this route.
ASCOT WAY area to Acomb and the city centre – currently route 26

Services on route 26 are due to change in April this year.

The Council intends to provide a service that, for residents of the Ascot Way area, will provide:

- An hourly connection with the first bus arriving at Acomb before 09.30 and the city centre before 10.00. The last return buses will leave Acomb after 18.00 and the city centre after 17.30;

- The same timetable will operate Monday to Saturday with no service on Sundays and bank holidays.

BROADWAY and FORDLANDS ROAD areas to the city centre – currently routes 24 and 26

Services on routes 24 and 26 are due to change in April this year.

The Council intends to provide a service that, for residents of Fulford, will provide:

- Two buses per hour to the city centre with the first bus arriving in the city centre before 07.30. The last return bus will leave the city centre after 19.00. The Council intends to fill the gap that exists in the present timetable, where no buses arrive in the city centre between 07.48 and 08.58 on school days.

- A return journey on Fridays and Saturdays that leaves the city centre after 23.30;

- The core timetable will operate Monday to Saturday with no services on Sundays and bank holidays.
FOXWOOD LANE and BELLHOUSE WAY areas to Manor School – currently route 26

Services on routes 24 and 26 are due to change in April this year.

The revised route that will replace the current route 26 will not normally pass Manor School. The Council is therefore proposing to provide:

- One direct journey from Foxwood Lane to Manor School, via Askham Lane, Ridgeway and Beckfield Lane and one return journey to fit with Manor School’s normal start and finish times.

FULFORD to HESLINGTON HALL – formerly route 20

Following withdrawal of route 20 at the start of January this year, the Council intends to provide a service linking Fulford with Heslington Hall via Broadway and Heslington Lane later in the year, which will provide:

- An hourly connection with the first bus arriving at Heslington Hall before 08.30. The last return journey will leave Heslington Hall after 17.30;
- The same timetable would operate Monday to Saturday with no services on Sundays and bank holidays.

HEWORTH to Archbishop Holgate’s and Fulford Schools – routes 627 and 637

The Council does not propose making any changes to services on these routes. However, these services are linked to those on routes 24 and 26 and so they will be included in any retender of contracts.
LINDSEY AVENUE area to Acomb and city centre – currently route 24

Services on route 24 are due to change around April this year.

The Council intends to provide a service that, for residents of the Lindsey Avenue area, will provide:

- An hourly connection with the first bus arriving at Acomb before 09.30 and the city centre before 09.00. The last return buses will leave Acomb after 18.00 and the city centre after 17.30;

- The same timetable would operate Monday to Saturday with no service on Sundays and bank holidays.

ST STEPHEN’S ROAD – currently route 26

Services on route 26 are due to change in April this year.

The Council intends to provide a service that, for residents of the St Stephen’s Road area will provide:

- An hourly connection with the first bus arriving at Acomb before 09.30 and the city centre before 08.50. The last return buses will leave Acomb after 18.00 and the city centre after 17.30;

- The same timetable would operate Monday to Saturday with no service on Sundays and bank holidays.

WHELDRAKE – Routes 35 and X35

Services on routes 35 and X35 are jointly funded by City of York Council, East Riding of Yorkshire Council and North Yorkshire County Council.

The Council does not propose making any changes to services on this route.