

## Forthcoming Bus Service Changes

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### Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee

21 February 2012

#### **1 Purpose of report**

- 1.1 To inform the Committee of forthcoming changes to some services in the Lothian Buses network.
- 1.2 To provide commentary on the causes and effects of the changes.

#### **2 Summary**

- 2.1 The reasons for the service changes are briefly discussed, and the major service changes shown in detail, along with the effects of the changes.
- 2.2 Particular mention is made of the changes to the Ratho bus service, and of effects on Park and Ride (P&R) services.

#### **3 Main report**

- 3.1 Lothian Buses plc has notified the Council of changes to most of the company's services, due for introduction on 4 March 2012.
- 3.2 The changes have become necessary due to changes in the levels of remuneration received by bus operators under the Bus Service Operators Grant (BSOG) scheme and the Scotland-wide Free Bus Travel scheme.
- 3.3 Under the BSOG scheme, the method of calculating reimbursement has reverted from one based on the amount of fuel used on a Local Registered Service to one based on mileage operated in service.
- 3.4 This may seem a small change; however, it disadvantages city operators particularly who might use more fuel per mile in heavy traffic than rural operators for the same distance.
- 3.5 The Scottish Government has capped its budget for reimbursement to bus operators for income foregone under the Scotland-wide Free Bus Travel scheme, meaning that income from that source will in all likelihood fall.

- 3.6 The cumulative effect of these changes will be to significantly reduce income for bus companies and force them to look at ways of reducing costs in order to balance their accounts.
- 3.7 In the case of Lothian Buses, this process has led the company to make changes to its network. Most of the changes represent contractions or reductions in service. There are, however, some improvements.
- 3.8 All of the major changes are described below.

**Service 7 (Newhaven – Leith – Bridges – Newington – Cameron Toll – Liberton – Hyvots Bank – Ferniehill)**

This service will cease to be inter-worked with service 33 (see below) and will be extended to terminate at the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh (RIE), maintaining a link between Hyvots Bank and the RIE.

**Service 8 (Muirhouse – Pilton – St Andrew Square – Cameron Toll – Moredun – Royal Infirmary)**

The service will be rerouted to operate via Leith Street instead of York Place.

**Service 19 (Granton – Crewe Toll – West End – Princes Street – Lochend – King's Road)**

Section of route between Leith Street and King's Road will be withdrawn after 2030 hours. Sunday daytime buses will operate between Granton and Lochend. The section of route between Leith Street and Lochend will continue to be served by service 34 (Riccarton – Sighthill – Slateford – Fountainbridge – City Centre – Leith Street – Lochend – Ocean Terminal) and service 49 (The Jewel – Portobello – Lochend – Leith – Newington – Danderhall – Sheriffhall P&R - Rosewell) both operating on a 30-minute frequency.

**Service 20 (Chesser ASDA – Kingsknowe – Wester Hailes – The Calders – Sighthill – Hermiston Gait)**

This subsidised service will benefit by being extended commercially to the Gyle Centre, opening up some new links to south-west Edinburgh.

**Service 23 (Trinity – Canonmills – The Mound – Tollcross – Morningside – Greenbank)**

This service will be reduced in frequency from 6 buses per hour (bph) to 5 bph.

**Service 27 (Silverknowes – Crewe Toll – Hanover Street – Tollcross – Firrhill – Hunter's Tryst)**

This service will be reduced in frequency from 6 buses per hour (bph) to 4 bph.

**Service 30 (Clovenstone – Longstone – Princes Street – Prestonfield – Niddrie – Newcraighall – Musselburgh)**

This service will be reduced in frequency from 6 buses per hour (bph) to 5 bph.

**Service 33 (Baberton – Wester Hailes – Haymarket – Princes Street – Cameron Toll – Hyvots Bank)**

This service will cease to be inter-worked with service 7 (see above) and will no longer terminate at Hyvots Bank. Instead the service will be extended to terminate at Sheriffhall Park & Ride site, partly to compensate for the loss of service 48/X48 (see below). Ferniehill will lose a direct connection to Princes Street.

**Service 47/X47 (Penicuik – Straiton P&R – Liberton – Cameron Toll – Princes Street – Crewe Toll – Granton)**

Sunday service will be extended from the current terminus at Straiton Park & Ride to Penicuik.

**Service 48/X48 (Dalkeith – Sheriffhall P&R – RIE – Princes Street – Haymarket – Ingliston P&R – Ratho)**

Service withdrawn.

At the southern end of the route this withdrawal is partly compensated for by the extension of service 33 to Sheriffhall P&R, which provides a more frequent service.

At the western end of the route, Service 12 (Seafield – Leith - St Andrew Square – Haymarket – Murrayfield – Zoo – Corstorphine – Gyle) will be extended off-peak weekdays, evenings, Saturday and Sunday from the Gyle centre to Ingliston P&R and thence to Ratho Station and Ratho Village.

Service 12 operates on a 20-minute frequency; however the Ingliston P&R to Ratho village section will operate on a 40-minute frequency which represents a reduction on the present 30-minute off-peak frequency of service 48/X48. Evening frequency serving Ratho falls to 60-minutes after 1900, daily.

On Sundays, all journeys will extend to Ratho Village, meaning a 30-minute daytime frequency for the village.

Weekday peak-time journeys to and from Ratho Village will be provided by new service X12 (Waterloo Place – West End – Haymarket – Zoo – Corstorphine – Maybury – Ingliston P&R - Ratho Station – Ratho Village). This will be a limited-stop service operating in the same way as service X48, and on a similar weekday frequency.

By providing this level of service for Ratho Village, Lothian Buses continues to meet the terms of the present Supported Bus Service Contract, which requires a minimum frequency of 60 minutes.

- 3.9 Minor timetable changes will be introduced on most other Lothian Buses services at the same time as those detailed above. Details of all changes appear as Appendix 1 to this report.
- 3.10 From 2012, Lothian Buses will operate a normal Monday service on Victoria Day (Monday 21 May 2012). Instead, a Saturday service will be provided on the National Spring Bank Holiday, which takes place on 4 June 2012. The same pattern of service will apply to both holidays in future years.

#### **4 Financial Implications**

- 4.1 None.

#### **5 Equalities Impact**

- 5.1 Some loss of amenity and some increase in the need to change buses to complete a journey formerly made using one bus.

#### **6 Environmental Impact**

- 6.1 There will be slightly reduced vehicle emissions due to reduction in mileage operated.

#### **7 Conclusions**

- 7.1 Although it is disappointing that Lothian Buses has found it necessary to make these changes, it is clear that the company has gone to some lengths both to reduce their impact and to meet its contractual obligations as regards the Ratho bus service

#### **8 Recommendations**

- 8.1 It is recommended that the Committee note the changes to some Lothian Buses services to be introduced from Sunday 4 March 2012.

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Appendices	Appendix 1: Details of changes to Lothian Buses services from 4 March 2012.
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Wards affected	All.

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Single Outcome Agreement      National Outcome 14: 'We reduce the local and global impact of our consumption and production';

Background Papers      None.

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## **Appendix 1: Details of changes to Lothian Buses services from 4 March 2012**

### **Service 2 (Gyle Centre–Edinburgh Park-Broomhouse-Balgreen-Haymarket-Grassmarket-Prestonfield-Niddrie-The Jewel)**

#### **Revised Timetable**

Revised running times introduced to improve reliability, resulting in minor timetable alterations on Mondays to Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays. No significant change to the number of journeys operated.

### **Service 3/3A (Gorebridge-Newtongrange-Mayfield-Dalkeith-Cameron Toll-City Centre-Sighthill-Clovenstone)**

#### **Revised Timetable**

Revised running times introduced to improve reliability, leading to significant timetable alterations. On Saturday mornings, the frequency from Mayfield to Clovenstone is slightly reduced to 20-mins, however most journeys will start at Birkenhead, improving the early morning frequency for Gorebridge & Newtongrange.

### **Service 4 (Hillend-Oxgangs-Slateford-Haymarket-Princes Street-Meadowbank-Northfield-Bingham-The Jewel)**

#### **Revised Timetable**

Revised running times introduced to improve reliability, leading to minor timetable alterations on Mondays to Saturdays.

Early evening buses from Hillend will now return to The Jewel in-service to maintain a 20-min headway in the eastbound direction later into the evening.

On Sundays a revised timetable is introduced to better coordinate with the revised Service 44 timetable. Additional early Sunday morning journey introduced to and from Oxgangs.

### **Service 7 (Newhaven-Leith-North Bridge-Cameron Toll-Liberton Brae-Captain's Road-Hyvots Bank-Ferniehill)**

#### **Revised Route & Timetable**

The service will no longer inter-work with Service 33, instead becoming a stand-alone service from Newhaven via current route to Ferniehill, extending via Old Dalkeith Road to the Royal Infirmary. The frequency remains the same as at present (15-mins during the day, 30-mins evenings & Sunday). The timetable is completely revised to provide coordination with Services 14 & 49.

### **Service 8 (Muirhouse-Pilton-Waverley Steps-North Bridge-Cameron Toll-The Inch-Moredun-RIE)**

#### **Revised Route & Timetable**

The route through the City Centre is altered to operate direct via Leith Street in both directions between Broughton Street & North Bridge. A revised timetable is introduced as a result.

In the late evenings, the service is slightly curtailed on the Southern section, with buses terminating at Surgeons' Hall instead of operating to the Royal Infirmary.

On Sundays, the evening curtailment is earlier than on Mondays to Saturdays.

### **Service 12 (Gyle Centre-Edinburgh Park-Corstorphine-Zoo-Murrayfield-Haymarket-Princes Street-Leith-Seafield)**

#### **Revised Route & Timetable**

Route extended from Gyle Centre to Ingliston P&R and Ratho.

On Mondays to Fridays, the daytime frequency is reduced to 20-mins, with all inter-peak buses extended to Ingliston P&R. From here, alternate buses will continue to Ratho (providing a 40-min frequency), replacing service 48. This will provide a new direct off-peak link from Ratho to the Gyle Centre.

The evening service will also extend to Ingliston & Ratho (at peak times, Ingliston & Ratho will be served by new Service X12).

On Saturdays, the service will continue to operate every 20-mins, with buses extending to Ingliston & Ratho all day, as per Monday to Friday timetable.

On Sundays, the service will continue to operate every 30-mins with all journeys extending to Ingliston & Ratho throughout day.

As a consequence of this route alteration, Broomhall will now receive a later evening bus to/from the City Centre on all days of the week.

### **Service X12 Ratho-Ratho Station-Ingliston P&R-Maybury-Corstorphine-Haymarket-Princes Street-Waterloo Place)**

#### **NEW SERVICE**

NEW route introduced between Waterloo Place & Ingliston P&R/Ratho at peak times on Mondays to Fridays to replace Service X48. Frequency is generally every 12-mins. Buses will serve RBS Gogarburn as per the X48. The stopping pattern will be the same as that used by the X48.

### **Service 15/15A (Penicuik-Auchendinny/Roslin [15]-Milton Bridge/Easter Bush [15A] Fairmilehead-Morningside-Princes Street-Portobello-Eastfield-Queen Margaret University)**

#### **Minor Timetable Changes & Introduction of a new Public Holiday Timetable**

Minor timetable changes on Mondays to Fridays mornings, with two journeys withdrawn – the 0950 arrival at QMUC and the 0926 journey from Fairmilehead.

On Public Holidays, some morning and evening journeys will now operate via Easter Bush Campus on their way to and from Penicuik. These journeys will continue to serve Roslin.

### **Service 18 (Gyle Centre-Edinburgh Park-Sighthill Industrial Estate-Westside Plaza-Colinton-Oxgangs-Fairmilehead-Gilmerton-RIE)**

#### **Minor Timetable Changes**

There are some alterations to the early morning timetable & the evening timetable, with the 1755 journey from the Royal Infirmary now re-timed to 1810. The 1900 journey from The Gyle to Clovenstone is withdrawn due to low passenger demand.

### **Service 19 (Granton-Crewe Toll-Western General Hospital-West End-Princes Street-Lochend-Craigtinny-King's Road)**

#### **Revised Timetable**

No change to the main-day timetable on Mondays to Fridays & Saturdays. The evening service post 20:00hrs is revised with buses only operating between Leith Street and Granton. Lochend & Craigtinny will continue to be served by services 25, 34 & 49.

On Sundays, the route will be converted to single deck operation and will operate between Granton & Lochend Roundabout during the day, and between Granton and Leith Street in the evening. The Sunday service will be operated by Central (inter-worked with services 24 & 47).

### **Service 20 (Chesser-Slateford-Kingsknowe-Westside Plaza-The Calders-Sighthill-Hermiston Gait)**

#### **Revised Route & Timetable**

The service is extended from Hermiston Gait via Edinburgh Park Station and Edinburgh Park to the Gyle Centre. Buses will continue to operate every 40-mins as per the current timetable, but the timetable key is revised to allow the route extension to take place using the same level of resource. Additional Saturday afternoon journey introduced.

### **Service 21 (Gyle Centre/Clovenstone- Broomhouse-Clermiston-Davidson's Mains-Leith-Lochend-Portobello-Niddrie-RIE)**

#### **Minor Timetable Changes**

Minor timetable changes on Mondays to Fridays & Saturdays. On Mondays to Fridays a new earlier morning journey is introduced between Lochend and The Gyle and a further new journey is introduced between The Gyle and Leith in the late afternoon.

In the evenings on Mondays to Saturdays there is a new later journey introduced between Duke Street and Sighthill Park.

## **Service 22 (Gyle Centre-Edinburgh Park-Broomhouse-Stenhouse-Westfield-West Approach Rd-Princes Street-Leith-Ocean Terminal)**

### **Revised Timetable**

Revised Monday to Friday & Saturday timetables introduced.

On Mondays to Fridays, the peak-time frequency is very slightly reduced to save peak resources, with the inter-peak timetable reducing from every 6-mins to every 7-mins.

On Saturdays, the main day frequency is reduced from every 6-mins to every 7-mins.

No Change to the Sunday timetable.

## **Service 23 (Trinity-Canonmills-Mound-Tollcross-Morningside-Graighouse-Greenbank/Glenlockhart)**

### **Revised Timetable**

Revised Monday to Friday Timetable introduced with the daytime frequency reduced from every 10-mins to every 12-mins. Three buses per hour will serve Greenbank, with two buses per hour serving Glenlockhart.

Some very minor running time changes on Saturdays & Sundays in the late evening, but no change to the number of journeys operated.

## **Service 24 (West Granton-Muirhouse-Drylaw-Western General-Stockbridge-Princes Street-Tollcross-Marchmont-RIE)**

### **Revised Route & Timetable**

Minor changes to the morning peak timetable on Mondays to Fridays to maintain reliability.

On Sundays, a revised timetable is introduced with buses extended via Waterfront Avenue to Granton Square, providing Waterfront Avenue with a direct daytime link to the City Centre.

## **Service 25 (Riccarton-Hermiston P&R-Sighthill-Gorgie-Haymarket-Princes Street-Leith-Lochend-Restalrig)**

### **Revised Timetable**

A revised Monday to Friday timetable is introduced with the inter-peak frequency reduced to 10-mins.

The evening service is adjusted to coordinate with revised services 3 & 33.

On Saturdays there are minor timetable changes during the day and a revised evening timetable.

On Sundays, the timetable is revised to co-ordinate throughout the day with revised services 3 & 33.

## **Service 26 (Clerwood-Clermiston-Corstorphine-Zoo-Murrayfield-Princes Street-Portobello-Eastfield-Musselburgh-Prestonpans Seton Sands/Tranent)**

### **Revised Route & Minor Timetable Changes**

The terminal point in Tranent is changed to a new lay-by on Haddington Road, east of Muirpark. Buses will operate both ways on Haddington Road and no longer serve the Muirpark Loop or Ormiston Rd.

On Mondays to Fridays, there are some minor changes to the timetable in the afternoon peak and early evening (very slight thinning).

On Saturdays and Sundays, there is some very slight thinning of the service frequency in the early morning and early evening, but no change to the main day timetable.

## **Service 27 (Silverknowes-Muirhouse-Crewe Toll-Canonmills-The Mound-Tollcross-Craiglockhart-Oxgangs-Hunter's Tryst)**

### **Revised Timetable**

Revised Monday to Friday timetable introduced with a reduction in the daytime frequency from 10-mins to 12-mins.

On Saturdays there are some minor timetable changes in the early evening.

No Change to the Sunday timetable.

**Service 29 (Silverknowes-Crewe Toll-Princes Street-Cameron Toll-Gilmerton-Hardengreen-Mayfield or Gorebidge/Birkenside)**

**Revised Timetable**

Revised Monday to Friday timetable introduced. Peak time journeys serving Mayfield will continue, but inter-peak these journeys will be curtailed to terminate at Gilmerton as per the Saturday daytime timetable.

Revised Sunday timetable introduced for coordination on Gilmerton Road with revised Services 3 & 8. No Change to the Saturday timetable.

**Service 30 (Clovenstone-Westfield Plaza-Westfield-Princes Street-Prestonfield-Niddrie-Newcraighall-QMU/Stoneybank-Musselburgh)**

**Revised Timetable**

Revised timetable introduced all week to improve reliability.

On Mondays to Fridays and Saturdays, the daytime frequency is reduced from 10-mins to 12-mins.

**Service 31 (East Craigs-Corstorhine-Zoo-Haymarket-Princes Street-Cameron Toll-Kirk Brae-Lasswade-Bonnyrigg- Polton Mill or Hopefield/Rosewell)**

**Revised Timetable**

Revised timetable introduced all week to improve reliability.

No change to the overall number of journeys being provided across the route.

**Service X31 (Bonnyrigg-Lasswade-The Murrays-Liberton Hospital-Surgeon's Hall-North Bridge-Haymarket)**

**Revised Route, Timetable & Stopping Places**

Revised timetable introduced with buses now looping around the Hopefield estate on their way to and from Brixwold.

Additional stops are served – buses will now serve all stops between Haymarket and Salisbury Place – as per Service X29 & X47.

The timetable key is altered to provide better coordination with service 31.

**Service 33 (Baberton-Wester Hailes-Gorgie-Haymarket-Princes Street-North Bridge-Cameron Toll-RIE-Ferniehill/Hyvots Bank)**

**Revised Route & Timetable**

The route is altered at the southern end, with most Monday to Saturday daytime buses now extending to and from Sheriffhall P&R to replace service 48/X48. At peak times on Mondays to Fridays, journeys will extend to serve Dalkeith Campus.

In the late evening on Mondays to Saturdays, and all day on Sundays, buses will terminate at Fernieside Turning Circle.

This service will no longer inter-work with service 7.

As a result of the route change, a revised timetable is introduced with additional journeys at peak times on Mondays to Fridays, and a later evening bus from the City to Baberton on all days of the week.

**Service 34 (Riccarton-Hermiston P&R-Sighthill-Longstone-Slateford-Fountainbridge-City Centre-Lochend-Ocean Terminal)**

**Minor Timetable Changes**

A revised Monday to Saturday evening service is introduced to improve reliability. This includes a later evening journey between the City Centre and Lochend to replace the late evening buses on service 19 which will no longer serve Lochend.

## **Service 36 (Ocean Terminal-Leith-Bonnington-Canonmills-Stockbridge-West End-Waverley-Holyrood/Scottish Parliament)**

### **Revised Timetable**

A revised timetable is introduced on Mondays to Fridays & Saturdays with some minor amendments to running times, especially in the evening.  
No change to the Sunday timetable.

## **Service 37/47/X47 (Silverknowes/Granton-Crewe Toll-Princes Street-Cameron Toll-Loanhead-Straiton-Penicuik Deanburn/Ladywood)**

### **Revised Timetable & Stopping Places**

A revised timetable is introduced all week on this group of services to improve reliability, with additional running time included.

The morning peak timetable on Mondays to Fridays is very slightly reduced.

Service X47 will now additionally stop at Kaimes Crossroads in both directions (the Howden Hall Road side of the junction), to facilitate better interchange on to services 7 & 11.

On Sundays, service 47 is extended to Penicuik Ladywood during the daytime to provide better links to IKEA and the new ASDA store at Straiton.

## **Service 38 (Granton-Crewe Toll-Western General Hospital-Craigleith-Ravelston-Balgreen-Blackford-Cameron Toll-RIE)**

### **Minor Timetable Changes**

Some revised running times introduced on Mondays to Fridays & Saturdays to improve reliability.

No change to the number of journeys being operated.

Minor alterations to the Sunday evening timetable.

## **Service 41 (Cramond-Barnton-West End-Waverley Bridge-Marchmont-Blackford-King's Buildings/Craighouse)**

### **Revised Timetable**

Very minor timetable alterations introduced on Mondays to Saturdays, no change to the number of journeys operated.

On Sundays a revised timetable is introduced to improve reliability. Daytime journeys which previously terminated at Bristo Place will be extended to Craighouse, improving the level of service being provided through Marchmont and Blackford.

## **Service 44/44A (Balerno-Juniper Green-Slateford-Haymarket-Princes Street-Brunstane-Musselburgh-Wallyford P&R-Tranent)**

### **Revised Timetable**

A revised timetable is introduced on all days with some minor alterations to running times to improve reliability in the early morning and early evening.

The Monday to Friday peak-time frequency is slightly reduced.

On Sundays the daytime frequency is reduced to from 15-mins to 30-mins, however the route is extended all day from Wallyford to serve Tranent, Windygoul.

## **Service 48/X48 (Ratho-Ingliston P&R-Gogarburn-Drum Brae-Haymarket-Princes Street-RIE-Sheriffhall P&R-Dalkeith Heights)**

### **SERVICE WITHDRAWN**

The service is withdrawn but partly replaced on the west side of the route by services 12/X12, and on the south side with service 33.

## **Service 49 (The Jewel-Portobello-Lochend-Leith-North Bridge-RIE-Sheriffhall P&R-Dalkeith-Bonnyrigg-Rosewell)**

### **Revised Timetable**

Revised timetable introduced on all days to improve reliability.

No change to the overall number of journeys being operated.

**Service N26 (Clerwood-Corstorphine-Haymarket-Princes Street-Meadowbank-Portobello-Musselburgh-Prestopans-Port Seton)**

**Minor Route & Timetable Changes**

The route is altered at Port Seton to extend to Seton Sands Camp with minor adjustments to running times to facilitate this.