



The purpose of this Report is to ask Members to determine the future of the 31 Bus service from 1 August 2021.

### No. DETAILS

#### 1) BACKGROUND

- a) By Minute 28/21 of its meeting of 8 March 2021 the Town Council agreed to continue the 31 Bus service at its current level of two days a week until 31 July 2021.
- b) Although the service at this level has been budgeted for in 2021/22 no decision has yet been taken as to whether or not to continue it from 1 August 2021.

#### 2) CURRENT USE

- a) The usage of the service over the three months of March to May inclusive is shown in the following table:

MONTH	SERVICE DAYS	ROUNDS	COST	PASSENGERS	INCOME	COST/PASSENGER
MARCH	9	63	£810	119	£149	£6.81
APRIL	8	56	£720	130	£163	£5.54
MAY	8	56	£720	177	£221	£4.07
TOTAL	25	175	£2,250	426	£533	£5.28

- b) The amount the Town Council can reclaim from the Isle of Wight Council is set at £1.25 per passenger journey.
- c) It may be of interest to Members that the first of the three daily rounds accounts for 58% of the total passenger journeys in May and around 70% in the other two months.
- d) The Mayor will report on his discussions with potential alternative suppliers of the existing service.

#### 3) RECOMMENDATION

The Town Council is recommended to:

- i) establish a 31 Bus Working Group with the Terms of Reference attached to this Report;
- ii) subject to an agreement with an alternative service provider for the existing service by 30 June 2021, continue the service until 31 December 2021 with that provider; and
- iii) if that agreement is secured, give the current provider one month's notice of the end of the Town Council's existing agreement.



# VENTNOR TOWN COUNCIL

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## 31 BUS WORKING GROUP

## TERMS OF REFERENCE

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### PURPOSE

the sole purpose of discussing ways to optimise the town councils transport offering through the 31 service.

### MEMBERSHIP

The group shall consist of no more than four members of the council – as determined at a public full council meeting – and appropriate staff. Additionally, members of the public may be invited ad-hoc to attend and share expertise.

### QUORUM

Three members must be in attendance for the meeting to be quorate.

### CHAIR

The working group chair shall be chosen at the initial meeting; the chair shall be responsible for scheduling and providing notes of meetings.

### REPORTING

Notes of all meetings shall be distributed to all members and recommendations brought to full council as required.

### GOVERNANCE

- a) Meetings will be arranged as required in advance of service commencement and every six months thereafter and on any occasion as requested by the clerk.
- b) The working group has no decision making powers and is therefore not required to be held in public.