



# 31 BUS

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 9/20

10 FEBRUARY 2020

The purpose of this Report is to ask Members to consider the future of the current 31 Bus Service.

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**No. DETAILS**

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**1) BACKGROUND**

- a) After considering Report 3/20 at its meeting of 13 January 2020 with its recommendation from the Assets and Services Working Group's to consider the closure of the service in its current form Minute 6/20 records the decision to:  
*change to two days a week for a six month period from 1 April 2020 with a review after three months, subject to the operator's willingness to continue the service on that basis.*
  - b) Discussions with the operator have taken place and he has asked that the Town Council consider running the service three times a week rather than two at a charge of £90 a day (increased from the current £85 a day charge).
  - c) The matter was considered at the Assets and Services Working Group meeting of 4 February.
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**2) COST IMPLICATIONS**

- a) The financial calculations considered by the Assets and Services Working Group are attached to this Report.
  - b) The income from the service is the total of the £1.25 (half of the advertised fare) per passenger journey recovered from the Isle of Wight Council in respect of those qualifying for free bus travel on the basis of numbers supplied by the operator on a monthly basis.
  - c) It is important to note that the subsidy requirements for 2020/21 are based on the stated assumptions about the level of passenger journeys that would result from the decrease in the number of operational days each week.
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**3) RECOMMENDATION**

The Assets and Services Working Group's unanimous recommendation is that the Town Council agrees to:

- i) commit to continuing the service on the basis of two days a week for six months with a review after three months; and
  - ii) includes a provision of £4,000 in its 2020/21 Budget for that purpose.
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# VENTNOR TOWN COUNCIL

ASG MEETING BRIEFING NOTE

31 BUS

4 FEBRUARY 2020

## 1) FINANCIAL YEAR: 2018/19

COST	£18,575
INCOME	£8,588
<b>SUBSIDY</b>	<b>£9,987</b>
PASSENGER JOURNEYS: TOTAL	6,955
PASSENGER JOURNEYS: MONTHLY AVERAGE	580

## 2) FINANCIAL YEAR 2019/20 (TO 31 DECEMBER)

	2019/20 APR-DEC	COMPARISON 2018/19
COST	£15,454	£13,843
INCOME	£7,290	£6,724
<b>SUBSIDY</b>	<b>£8,164</b>	<b>£7,119</b>
PASSENGER JOURNEYS: TOTAL	5,376	5,289
PASSENGER JOURNEYS: MONTHLY AVERAGE	597	588

## 3) FINANCIAL YEAR 2020/21

	2 DAYS A WEEK	3 DAYS A WEEK
COST @ £90 A DAY	£9,360	£14,040
INCOME: ASSUME 75% PASSENGER JOURNEYS	£6,560	-
INCOME: ASSUME 90% PASSENGER JOURNEYS	-	£7,875
<b>SUBSIDY</b>	<b>£2,800</b>	<b>£6,165</b>