

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

The purpose of this Report is to provide Members with information about developments in the provision of community transport services following the close down of Wightbus.

NO. DETAIL

I) BACKGROUND

- a) Members have been in touch with developments following the Southern Vectis/Isle of Wight Council commitment to the encouragement of local community transport services to replace routes lost through the closure of Wightbus.
- b) Two proposed services affecting the Town and its locality are now in place to replace the Wightbus No. 31 and No.6 routes.

2) ROUTE NO. 31

Councillor Jim Morgan, who has been at the centre of this scheme, will report to the meeting on the situation in respect of the No. 31 route with the implementation of an important service from 3 September.

3) ROUTE NO. 6

- a) County Councillor Susan Scoccia has strongly supported the replacement service for the No. 6 route that is also now ready to run.
- b) She has submitted a summary of the position of the new service that is attached with this report.

4) CONSIDERATIONS

- a) The request for a possible contribution of up to £250 towards the salary of a Co-ordinator post to work across the five schemes needs a formal response from the Town Council.
- b) The Town Council's Clerks are very willing and able to provide the administrative support to the No. 6 route scheme requested by County Councillor Susan Scoccia but it should have formal approval from the Town Council.