



# 31 BUS

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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 9/24

20 FEBRUARY 2024

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This report is to update Members on progress with the No:31 Bus.

**NO. DETAILS**

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**1) BACKGROUND**

- a) This update on progress with the 31 Bus is for information only, not requiring a Town Council decision at this time.
- b) With Leeson Road remaining closed due to the recent landslip at Bonchurch, Councillor Steve Milford is working with other Members, Councillors John Watkins and Jim Toogood to explore what additional services could be provided via the 31 Bus.
- c) Any alterations to the running schedule/route of the 31 Bus would be for one year only, funded by a grant available via the Isle of Wight Council, with no impact on the Town Council's budget. Councillors Steve Milford, John Watkins and Jim Toogood, together with the Acting Town Clerk Alison Killick are meeting with the current operator Top Taxis to establish what service extensions they could accommodate and associated costs.

The re-opening of Leeson Road could influence how these discussions develop, but there is a preference to obtain an improved service in operation for Summer 2024.

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