



31 Bus

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 13/24

25 MARCH 2024

The purpose of this report is to ask Members to consider extending the No:31 Bus service.

NO. DETAILS

1) BACKGROUND

- a) Following the identification of a one-year bus support grant available through the Isle of Wight Council, Ventnor Town Councillors Steve Milford, John Watkins and Jim Toogood have been consulting with residents of St Lawrence and Bonchurch, together with the current service provider Top Taxis, as to what additional services could be provided.
 - b) Ventnor Town Council is very mindful of the transport issues facing both communities, especially following the landslips and closure of Leeson Road. Subject to final confirmation from the Isle of Wight Council about the grant, it is proposed to fund additional services on Friday afternoons and Saturday mornings to support local residents.
 - c) The extra services may be provided by the current 16-seater or an alternative 8-seater vehicle.
 - d) Whilst these new arrangements will not, in themselves, impact on Ventnor Town Council's budget, a new contract between Ventnor Town Council and Top Taxis will need to be drawn up.
 - e) It is also expected that Top Taxis will be proposing new rates for their current services provided on Tuesday and Friday mornings.
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2) RECOMMENDATION

The Town Council is recommended to:-

- agree to enter into a one-year contract with Top Taxis for additional services, fully funded by a grant available through the Isle of Wight Council.
 - endorse the new rates for the current No:31 Bus service (subject to formal notification)
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