



No: 31 Bus

The purpose of this Report is to provide Members with information from the most recent meeting of the No:31 Bus Working Group.

No. DETAILS

1) BACKGROUND

- a) At its meeting of 10 February, the No:31 Bus Working Group discussed the current running of the service and noted the contractor's 5% increase in costs from 1 April 2026.
 - b) The current grant awarded by the Isle of Wight Council provides for an additional running day (currently Saturdays) covering the period to end of June 2026. Thereafter, any additional running day(s) will be required to be funded by a new grant.
 - c) The Working Group also discussed switching from Saturdays to Thursdays.
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2) RECOMMENDATION

Members are recommended to:

- approve the renewal of the service contract with the current contractor, noting the 5% increase in costs from 1 April 2026
 - decide whether to switch the service from Saturdays to Thursdays
 - delegate to the Clerk/officers the application of a new grant from 1 July 2026 to continue with the additional running day and its associated costs covering the financial years: 2026-27, 2027-28 and 2028-29.
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