

## ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL

### RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION – CLLR PHIL JORDAN

**Title of Matter:** BUS SERVICE IMPROVEMENT PLAN PLUS FUNDING

**Decision maker:** Cllr Phil Jordan, Leader and Cabinet Member for Transport and Infrastructure, Highways PFI and Transport Strategy

**Power(s) giving authority to make an executive decision:** Section 9E (2) (b) (ii) of the Local Government Act 2000 and under all other enabling powers.

**Decision:** That the Cabinet Member for Transport and Infrastructure, Highways PFI and Transport Strategy approves the recommended proposals for local bus service enhancement and support funding as set out below:

- (a) Approve continued grant funding for additional evening journeys, Mondays to Saturdays, on the Southern Vectis local bus service 6 which operates between Newport and Ventnor, serving Gatcombe, Chillerton, Chale, Niton and Whitwell.
- (b) Approve continued grant funding for additional evening journeys, Mondays to Saturdays, on the Southern Vectis local bus service 12 which operates between Newport and Alum Bay, serving Showell, Brighstone, Brook, Freshwater Bay and Totland.
- (c) Approve grant funding to increase the frequency from three buses per hour to four buses per hour, of the Southern Vectis local bus service 5 which operates between Newport and East Cowes.
- (d) Approve funding support for services 6 and 12 during the winter period October to March, to ensure it continues to operate at current service levels.

**Date of decision:** 22 February 2024

**Reason for decision:** The recommended proposals align with the Council's aspiration of 'committing to develop sustainable transport' in relation to Environment, heritage and waste management and the ongoing business of the Council, to 'continue to work with the transport infrastructure board to improve infrastructure, public transport and mainland connectivity' in relation to Highways PFI, transport and infrastructure, as set out within the Corporate Plan 2021 to 2025.

**Details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the councillor when making the decision:** Option 2: Not to approve the recommended proposals and request that these are reviewed, with new proposals submitted for consideration in due course.

**Representations considered by the Cabinet Member prior to making the decision:** From Cllr G Brodie – Regarding the increase in frequency of Service No 5, and extra funding for the town routes, for example No 39 and other commercially viable routes. A response was provided as justification to increase the frequency of Service 5. Town services 37, 38 and 39 will be looked at for further funding proposals to be included within a revised BSIP later in the year.

**Record of any conflict of interest declared by any Cabinet member consulted by the Leader of the Cabinet which relates to the decision:** None  
**Dispensations granted by the Head of Paid Service in respect of any declared conflicts of interest:** None

**Background documents referred to:**

1. The English National Bus Strategy - <https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6086912fd3bf7f013c8f4510/DfT-Bus-Back-Better-national-bus-strategy-for-England.pdf>
2. The Isle of Wight Bus service Improvement Plan - <https://www.iow.gov.uk/transport-and-parking/transport/transport-policy/bus-service-improvement-plan-and-enhanced-partners/>
3. Bus Service Improvement Plan Plus (BSIP+) funding allocations Bus service improvement plans: local transport authority final allocations 2022 to 2025 - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
4. Southern Vectis local bus service network plan - <https://images-islandbuses.passenger-website.com/2023-09/ISLAND%20MAP.pdf>

Signed:



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Cllr I Stephens (Deputy Leader) on behalf of Cllr Phil Jordan, Leader and Cabinet Member for Transport and Infrastructure, Highways PFI and Transport Strategy

Date of signature: 22 February 2024