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# NOTICES AND PROCEEDINGS

## GENERAL NOTES

**Layout and presentation** – Entries in each Section (other than in Section 5) are listed in alphabetical order. Each entry is prefaced by a reference number, which should always be quoted in any correspondence or enquiry.

**Further notes** precede each section, where appropriate.

**Accuracy of publication** – Details published of applications and requests reflect information provided by applicants. The Traffic Commissioner cannot be held responsible for applications that contain incorrect information.

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#### PSV Operator Licensing

**Inspection of licence applications** can be requested under the provisions of Regulation 4 of the Public Service Vehicles (Operators' Licences) Regulations 1995 by anybody who holds statutory Objector status. Applications may be inspected free of charge at the Traffic Commissioner's office by any person who carries written authorisation to act in that capacity. Alternatively, copies of weekly publications can be obtained by either an annual subscription of £91 or £3.50 for individual publications. Details can also be viewed by visiting **the VOSA website at [www.vosa.gov.uk](http://www.vosa.gov.uk)**

**Objections against applications for licences** may be made in writing by a Chief Officer of Police or local authority within 21 days after the date on which notice of an application is published in Notices and Proceedings. Objections must be made on the grounds that one or more of the requirements mentioned in Section 14(1) and (3) of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981 are not satisfied in relation to the application. A copy of the objection must be sent by the Objector to the applicant at the same time that it is sent to the Traffic Commissioner. The onus of proof in terms of the grounds on which an objection is lodged lies with the objector. There is no right of objection against an application for a special licence submitted under Section 12 of the Transport Act 1985.

**Classification of Operator Licences** - There are four classes of licence: -

- A **Standard International (S/I)** licence authorises the use of any description of public service vehicle on both National and International operations;
- A **Standard National (S/N)** licence authorises the use of any description of public service vehicle on National operations;
- A **Restricted licence (R)** authorises the use of (a) public service vehicles not adapted to carry more than eight passengers and (b) those not adapted to carry more than sixteen passengers when used otherwise than in the course of a business of carrying passengers or by a person whose main occupation is not the operation of public service vehicles adapted to carry more than eight passengers;
- A **Special Restricted (SR)** licence under Section 12 of the Transport Act 1985 is granted to the holder of a taxi licence to enable local services to be operated.

**Appeals in connection with PSV Operator Licences** must be lodged with the Transport Tribunal, Procession House, 55 Ludgate Hill, London EC4M 7JW not later than 28 days after the date of the letter conveying the Traffic Commissioner's (or Deputy Traffic Commissioner's) decision. A copy of the appeals booklet is available from the Traffic Area Office on request. Appellants can alternatively obtain guidance on lodging appeals by visiting **the VOSA website at [www.vosa.gov.uk](http://www.vosa.gov.uk)**

**Any previous entry in Notices and Proceedings** is indicated by the publication number in brackets.

The VOSA web-site contains details of all applications listed in this section.

## Section 2.1 New Applications Received

(UNDER SECTION 14 OF THE PUBLIC PASSENGER VEHICLES ACT 1981)

- PH1052924 SN **ANDREW VIRGINIO BARBIERI & KAREN BARBIERI T/A NEW FOREST TRAVEL**  
**Partner(s): KAREN BARBIERI, ANDREW VIRGINIO BARBIERI.**  
18, LONGFIELD ROAD HORDLE LYMINGTON, HANTS, SO41 0HH  
Operating Centre: UNIT 4, COPSE BUSINESS CENTRE, HOUNSDOWN BUSINESS PARK TOTTON SO40 9LR  
Authorisation:2 Vehicles.  
Transport Manager: ANDREW BARBIERI
- PH1052816 R **DEREK JOHN COAKLEY & RACHEL COAKLEY T/A R & D PRIVATE HIRE**  
**Partner(s): RACHEL COAKLEY, DEREK JOHN COAKLEY.**  
61 GIBLANDS PARK OKEHAMPTON, DEVON, EX20 1QE  
Operating Centre: 16, GREAT LINKS TOR ROAD OKEHAMPTON EX20 1TW  
Authorisation:1 Vehicle.
- PH1053279 SN **JOHN P.J CHANTER T/A TAMER VALLEY TRAVEL**  
TAMROCK, CALSTOCK ROAD, GUNNISLAKE, CORNWALL, PL18 PAA  
Operating Centre: 87 STATION ROAD BERE ALSTON YELVERTON PL20 7EW  
Authorisation:1 Vehicle  
Transport Manager: PAUL JONES
- PH1052688 SN **MONAGHAN MUSHROOMS LTD**  
**Director(s): JOHN STANLEY, RONALD CHRISTOPHER WILSON.**  
STOCK LANE LANGFORD BS40 5ES  
Operating Centre: STOCK LANE, LANGFORD , BRISTOL BS40 5ES  
Authorisation:7 Vehicles.  
Transport Manager: JUSTIN J FORD
- PH1053114 R **SOMERSET TRAVEL LTD T/A SOMERSET TRAVEL LTD**  
**Director(s): JAMES SELWAY, RUSSELL SELWAY, WALTER SELWAY.**  
30 DOWNSWAY PAULTON BRISTOL BS39 7XH  
Operating Centre: 30 DOWNSWAY, PAULTON, BRISTOL BS39 7XH  
Authorisation:2 Vehicles.

## Section 2.2 New Applications Granted

- PH1050940 SN **CHARLES PAINE T/A TOTAL EMPLOYMENT**  
(2277) 94 THE BROADWAY DIDCOT, OXON, OX11 8AB  
Operating Centre: 94, THE BROADWAY DIDCOT, OXFORDSHIRE, OX11 8AB  
Authorisation:11 Vehicles.  
Assigned Transport Manager:  
GERALD DAY

- PH1051831 SN (2278) **DAVID NIGEL NORRIS T/A ALLWAYS MINI TRAVEL**  
HIGHFIELD CLYST HONITON EXETER EX5 2AN  
Operating Centre: HIGHFIELD, CLYST HONITON, EXETER, DEVON, EX5 2AN  
Authorisation:4 Vehicles.  
Transport Managers: DAVID NIGEL NORRIS
- PH1049653 R (2278) **JOHN LEONARD TOMPKINS**  
15 SPEEDWELL CRESCENT, EGGBUCKLAND, PLYMOUTH, DEVON, PL6 5SZ  
Operating Centre: NEWNHAM PARK GARAGE, 7, KAY CLOSE, NEWNHAM INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, PLYMPTON, PLYMOUTH PL7 4LU  
Authorisation:2 Vehicles.
- PH1050461 SN (2278) **MATTHEW BOWDEN T/A ACL TRAVEL**  
**Partner(s): WAYNES JONES, MATTHEW BOWDEN.**  
UNIT 5, MENDIP VIEW BUSINESS PARK HEWISH WESTON-SUPER-MARE BS24 6RU  
Operating Centre: UNIT 5, MENDIP VIEW BUSINESS PARK HEWISH WESTON-SUPER-MARE BS24 6RU  
Authorisation:2 Vehicles.  
Transport Managers: JOHN R LAWRENCE
- PH1051686 R (2278) **MICHAEL ANDREW JONES T/A MITER LIMOUSINE SERVICES**  
21 REDDICLIFF CLOSE, PLYMSTOCK, PLYMOUTH PL9 9QJ  
Operating Centre: 21, REDDICLIFF CLOSE, PLYMSTOCK, PLYMOUTH PL9 9QJ  
Authorisation:1 Vehicle.
- PH1051767 SN (2278) **NOCTON LTD T/A NOCTON LTD**  
**Director(s): ALISTAIR JAMES TAYLOR, DAVID NORMAN LONGMATE, ROBERT JAMES STACEY, ANNE ELIZABETH CLARKE, PAUL RICHARD CLARKE.**  
PENDARVES FARM PENDARVES ROAD CAMBORNE TR14 0RT  
Operating Centre: PENDARVES FARM, PRAZE ROAD, PENDARVES CAMBORNE TR14 0RT  
Authorisation:8 Vehicles.  
Transport Manager: CHRISTOPHER PERRY
- PH1050345 SI (2275) **SOUTHERN COACHES (UK) LTD**  
**Director(s): RICHARD JAMES LONG.**  
SPITHEAD BUSINESS CENTRE LAKE, ISLE OF WIGHT, PO36 9PH  
Operating Centre: SPITHEAD BUSINESS CENTRE LAKE, ISLE OF WIGHT, PO36 9PH  
Authorisation:7 Vehicles.  
Transport Manager: D DRAPER

### **Section 2.3 New Applications Refused**

No Entries

### **Section 2.4 Variation Applications Granted**

- PH1039584 SI **A JERRIM COMMERCIAL LTD T/A ZENITH DRIVER TRAINING**  
**Director(s): DEIRDRE JERRIM, ALAN JERRIM.**  
HANGAR D, BUILDING 289, HMS DAEDALUS LEE-ON-THE-SOLENT,  
HAMPSHIRE, PO13 9YA  
Increased authorisation at existing operating centre: HANGAR D, BUILDING 289,  
HMS DAEDALUS LEE-ON-THE-SOLENT, HAMPSHIRE, PO13 9YA  
New authorisation at this operating centre will be: 8 vehicles,
- PH1048036 SN **ALDER VALLEY (SOUTH) LTD T/A ALDER VALLEY TRAVEL**  
**Director(s): ALAN PETER FAIRBROTHER.**  
8 LANSDOWNE ROAD ALTON, HANTS, GU34 2HB  
New operating centre: UNIT E2, RANCH FARM INDUSTRIAL ESTATE,  
WILLIS LANE, FOUR MARKS, HANTS GU34 5AP  
New authorisation at this operating centre will be: 3 vehicles,
- PH1018293 R **FOX ALBERT JAMES & EILEEN T/A FOXY MUSIC**  
**Partner(s): EILEEN FOX, ALBERT JAMES FOX.**  
17-TRELEIGH INDUSTRIAL ESTATE,, JON DAVEY DRIVE , REDRUTH,  
CORNWALL, TR16 4AX  
Removed operating centre: FRANK TUCKER COMMERCIALS, ALPHINGTON,  
EXETER, DEVON, EX2 9SL  
New operating centre: PATRICK UREN COMMERCIALS LTD, TRELEIGH  
INDUSTRIAL ESTATE,, JON DAVEY DRIVE REDRUTH, CORNWALL, TR16  
4AX  
New authorisation at this operating centre will be: 2 vehicles,
- PH1036018 R **JOHN JENNINGS T/A J CABS**  
JACOBS COTTAGE, ROGERS HILL FARM, BRIANTSPUDDLE  
DORCHESTER DT2 7HJ  
Removed operating centre: UNIT 3, THE OLD SAW MILLS, HYDE WAREHAM,  
DORSET, BH20 7NT  
New operating centre: JACOBS COTTAGE, ROGERS HILL FARM,  
BRIANTSPUDDLE DORCHESTER DT2 7HJ  
New authorisation at this operating centre will be: 2 vehicles,
- PH1024521 R **PETER GEORGE MILLER T/A BROADWAY MINIBUS HIRE**  
MEADOWS, SUGGS LANE, BROADWAY ILMINSTER, SOMERSET, TA19  
9RJ  
Increased authorisation at existing operating centre: MEADOWS, SUGGS LANE,  
BROADWAY ILMINSTER, SOMERSET, TA19 9RJ  
New authorisation at this operating centre will be: 2 vehicles,
- PH0006254 R **STEPHEN WILLIS T/A FREEDOM HIRE**  
7, THE LINKS HAWTHORN CORSHAM, WILTSHIRE, SN13 0NX  
Removed operating centre: 72 POPLAR CLOSE, MOORFIELDS, BATH BA2 2JA  
New operating centre: 7, THE LINKS HAWTHORN CORSHAM, WILTSHIRE,  
SN13 0NX  
New authorisation at this operating centre will be: 2 vehicles,
- PH0006093 SN **UNITED BRISTOL HEALTHCARE TRUST (NHS)**  
FACILITIES DIRECTORATE, BRISTOL ROYAL INFIRMARY,  
MARLBOROUGH HILL BRISTOL BS2 8HW  
Increased authorisation at existing operating centre: BRISTOL GENERAL  
HOSPITAL, GUINEA STREET, BRISTOL, AVON, BS1 6SY  
New authorisation at this operating centre will be: 5 vehicles,

## Section 2.5 Variation Applications Refused

No Entries

## **Section 2.6 Licences Surrendered or Terminated**

- PH0005687 SN (2174) **Licence surrendered WEF 26 October 2005**  
**BRIAN MALCOLM COUCH T/A PARAMOUNT MINI-COACHES**  
6 VENN CRESCENT, HARTLEY, PLYMOUTH, DEVON, PL3 5PJ  
Registered Bus Services running under this licence have also been surrendered with immediate effect.
- PH1047188 R (2270) **Licence surrendered WEF 31 October 2005**  
**D. N. SMITH & J.V BARR T/A DIDCOT MINIBUS SERVICE**  
**Partner(s): JAMES VICTOR BARR, DARYL NORMAN SMITH.**  
31 DRAKE AVENUE DIDCOT, OXFORDSHIRE, OX11 0AD  
Registered Bus Services running under this licence have also been surrendered with immediate effect.
- PH0007125 R (1) **Licence not continued WEF 01 November 2005**  
**SELWYN CARE LTD**  
**DIRECTOR(s): ROBERT HOWARD TUCKWOOD, CHRISTOPHER HUGH MAY .**  
MATSON HOUSE, MATSON LANE, GLOUCESTER, GLOS, GL4 6ED  
Registered Bus Services running under this licence have also been set to CNS with immediate effect.

## **Section 2.7 Application withdrawn prior to determination**

No Entries

## **Section 2.8 Grants not taken up (grant fee not paid)**

No Entries

## **Section 2.9 Licences Revoked without a Public Inquiry**

No Entries

## **Section 2.10 Conditions imposed under Section 16.3 of the PPPV Act 1981 (without a Public Inquiry)**



## **Section 3**

### **Registration Of Local Bus Services**

**The fee for each new application and variation application** is £51. Applications to cancel registrations are free.

**When an application is sent to the Traffic Area Office**, a copy of all application forms and supporting documents must also be sent to each of the County Councils and Unitary Authorities in whose area the service will operate. Failure to do so may delay acceptance of that application.

**Some of the periods of notice applicable before the operation of registered services**, including variations or cancellations, are at the discretion of the Traffic Commissioner. In such cases the application must be accompanied by a written explanation of why a short notice period is required.

**Any registration may be inspected at the office of the Traffic Commissioner** during public business hours and copies of registrations can be sent by post or fax to any interested party upon prior receipt of a written request together with a fee of £3.00 per copy for posted copies or £5.00 per copy for faxed copies.

The VOSA web-site ([www.vosa.gov.uk](http://www.vosa.gov.uk)) contains details of all registration applications listed in this section

### **Section 3.1 Registration Of New Services**

PH0005727/36 **THE CITY OF OXFORD MOTOR SERVICES LTD T/A THE OXFORD BUS COMPANY, OXFORD BUS COMPANY, COWLEY HOUSE, WATLINGTON ROAD OXFORD, OXON, OX4 6GA**  
From: MAGDALEN STREET, OXFORD  
To: KIDLINGTON AIRPORT  
Via: BANBURY ROAD, LYNE MEAD  
Name or No: 7D  
Service Type: Normal Stopping  
Effective Date: 11-Dec-2005  
Other Details: MONDAYS-FRIDAYS  
HOURLY (OFF PEAK) BETWEEN 0916 & 1511

### **Section 3.2 Registration Of New Services Granted Under Short Notice**

PH0005662/22 **ALAN JAMES PETERS T/A ABUS, 104 WINCHESTER ROAD, BRISLINGTON, BRISTOL BS4 3NL**  
From: BRISTOL SOUNDWELL ROAD  
To: LONGWELL GREEN ASDA  
Via: STAPLE HILL, NEW CHELTENHAM, HANHAM, KINGSWOOD, WARMLEY, OLDLAND  
Name or No: A1/A2  
Service Type: Normal Stopping, Hail & Ride  
Effective Date: 01-Nov-2005  
Other Details: WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY  
ONE RETURN JOURNEY

PH0005662/23 **ALAN JAMES PETERS T/A ABUS, 104 WINCHESTER ROAD, BRISLINGTON, BRISTOL BS4 3NL**  
From: FISHPONDS BRISTOL  
To: LONGWELL GREEN ASDA  
Via: FRENCHAY, KINGSWAY  
Name or No: A3  
Service Type: Normal Stopping  
Effective Date: 01-Nov-2005  
Other Details: WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS  
1 RETURN JOURNEY

PH0005662/24 **ALAN JAMES PETERS T/A ABUS, 104 WINCHESTER ROAD, BRISLINGTON, BRISTOL BS4 3NL**  
From: BRISTOL SOUNDWELL ROAD  
To: LONGWELL GREEN ASDA  
Via: WHITEHALL, ST.GEORGE, LAWRENCE HILL  
Name or No: A4/A5  
Service Type: Normal Stopping  
Effective Date: 01-Nov-2005  
Other Details: TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS  
1 RETURN JOURNEY

PH0005662/25 **ALAN JAMES PETERS T/A ABUS, 104 WINCHESTER ROAD,  
BRISLINGTON, BRISTOL BS4 3NL**  
From: BRISTOL SOUNDWELL ROAD  
To: LONGWELL GREEN ASDA  
Via: DOWNEND, BLACKHORSE  
Name or No: A6  
Service Type: Normal Stopping  
Effective Date: 01-Nov-2005  
Other Details: TUESDAY & THURSDAY  
1 RETURN JOURNEY

PH0005662/26 **ALAN JAMES PETERS T/A ABUS, 104 WINCHESTER ROAD,  
BRISLINGTON, BRISTOL BS4 3NL**  
From: BATH NEWTON ROAD  
To: LONGWELL GREEN ASDA  
Via: TWERTON, WESTON, BITTEN  
Name or No: A7  
Service Type: Normal Stopping  
Effective Date: 01-Nov-2005  
Other Details: WEDNESDAYS  
1 RETURN JOURNEY

PH0005662/27 **ALAN JAMES PETERS T/A ABUS, 104 WINCHESTER ROAD,  
BRISLINGTON, BRISTOL BS4 3NL**  
From: BATH SOUTHDOWN ROAD  
To: LONGWELL GREEN ASDA  
Via: TWERTON, SALT FORD, KEYNSHAM  
Name or No: A11/A14  
Service Type: Normal Stopping  
Effective Date: 01-Nov-2005  
Other Details: TUESDAYS  
1 RETURN JOURNEY

PH1032505/31 **BEAUMONT TRAVEL LTD, CITY PLAZA MARKET PARADE  
GLOUCESTER GL1 1RL**  
From: UPPER CAM Church Road  
To: GLOUCESTER Bus Station  
Via: COALEY, FROCESTER, HARESFIELD, QUEDGLEY  
Name or No: VL4  
Service Type: Normal Stopping  
Effective Date: 02-Aug-2005  
Other Details: TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS ONLY

PH1032505/35 **BEAUMONT TRAVEL LTD, CITY PLAZA MARKET PARADE  
GLOUCESTER GL1 1RL**  
From: STROUD  
To: NAILSWORTH  
Via: CHARFORD - BISLEY - SHEEPSCOMBE  
Name or No: VN3  
Service Type: Normal Stopping  
Effective Date: 21-Oct-2005  
Other Details: FRIDAY AND SATURDAY ONLY

PH0004983/274 **FIRST DEVON & CORNWALL LTD, THE RIDE, CHELSON MEADOW,  
PLYMOUTH PL9 7JT**  
From: BARNSTAPLE  
To: BUDE  
Via: LANDCROSS, STIBB CROSS, HOLSWORHTY  
Name or No: 85  
Service Type: Normal Stopping  
Effective Date: 30-Oct-2005  
Other Details: MONDAY-SATURDAY  
4 RETURN JOURNEYS PER DAY

- PH0003510/22 **SIMON J WELLINGTON & SHARON WELLINGTON T/A TALLY HO COACHES, STATION YARD IND ESTATE KINGSBRIDGE, DEVON, TQ7 1ES**  
 From: KINGSBRIDGE  
 To: KINGSBRIDGE  
 Via: THURLESTONE, SOUTH MILTON, MALBOROUGH, HOPE COVE  
 Name or No: SH162  
 Service Type: Normal Stopping, Hail & Ride  
 Effective Date: 31-Oct-2005
- PH1035360/4 **WEBBERBUS LTD, THE GARAGE, WHEDDON CROSS, MINEHEAD, SOMERSET, TA24 7DR**  
 From: WILLITON  
 To: WILLITON  
 Via: DONNIFORD WATCHET  
 Name or No: 499A/499B  
 Service Type: Normal Stopping  
 Effective Date: 07-Nov-2005

### Section 3.3 Applications To Vary Existing Services

- PH0007208/72 **FIRST BRISTOL LIMITED, ENTERPRISE HOUSE, EASTON ROAD, BRISTOL BS50DZ**  
 Operating between UWE and CENTRE Lewins Mead given service number 984 effective from 22-Dec-2005. To amend Timetable.
- PH0004983/188 **FIRST DEVON & CORNWALL LTD, THE RIDE, CHELSON MEADOW, PLYMOUTH PL9 7JT**  
 Operating between TRURO Bus Station and NEWQUAY Bus Station/PERRAN PORTH given service number 85/87/987 effective from 14-Dec-2005. To amend Timetable.
- PH0004983/136 **FIRST DEVON & CORNWALL LTD, THE RIDE, CHELSON MEADOW, PLYMOUTH PL9 7JT**  
 Operating between ILFRACOMBE High Street and SLADE VALLEY Road given service number 31/32 effective from 15-Dec-2005. To amend Timetable.
- PH0004983/174 **FIRST DEVON & CORNWALL LTD, THE RIDE, CHELSON MEADOW, PLYMOUTH PL9 7JT**  
 Operating between PENZANCE, Bus Station/ ST IVES, Malakoff and TRURO Bus Station/ College given service number 14/18/18A/18B/914/918 effective from 15-Dec-2005. To amend Timetable.
- PH0004983/184 **FIRST DEVON & CORNWALL LTD, THE RIDE, CHELSON MEADOW, PLYMOUTH PL9 7JT**  
 Operating between FALMOUTH Moor and CIRCULAR given service number 62/62A/62B/67 effective from 14-Dec-2005. To amend Timetable.
- PH0004983/196 **FIRST DEVON & CORNWALL LTD, THE RIDE, CHELSON MEADOW, PLYMOUTH PL9 7JT**  
 Operating between PENZANCE Bus Station and EDEN PROJECT given service number 27B/924/X27 effective from 14-Dec-2005. To amend Route and Timetable.
- PH0006159/186 **FIRST HAMPSHIRE & DORSET LTD, 226 PORTSWOOD ROAD SOUTHAMPTON, HAMPSHIRE, SO17 2BE**  
 Operating between WEYMOUTH and BOURNEMOUTH given service number X55 effective from 27-Dec-2005. To amend Timetable.
- PH0004798/2 **JOHN VALENTINE PICKFORD T/A FOSSEWAY COACHES, VINCIENTS ROAD, BUMPERS FARM INDUSTRIAL ESTATE , CHIPPENHAM, WILTSHIRE, SN14 6QA**  
 Operating between CHIPPENHAM, BATH ROAD and CHIPPENHAM, TOWN BRIDGE given service number 44 effective from 28-Nov-2005. To amend Timetable.

- PH0005856/33 **READING TRANSPORT LTD T/A READING BUSES/NEWBURY BUSES, GREAT KNOLLYS STREET READING, BERKSHIRE, RG1 7HH**  
Operating between TILEHURST SOUTHCOLE ROAD and LITTLE HEATH SCHOOL given service number 87 effective from 12-Dec-2005. To amend Timetable.
- PH1011427/4 **SUMMERCOURT TRAVEL LTD, THE OLD COACH GARAGE, ST. AUSTELL STREET, SUMMERCOURT NEWQUAY, CORNWALL, TR8 5DR**  
Operating between MT HAWKE, OLD SCHOOL HOUSE and NEWQUAY, FUN FACTORY given service number 903 effective from 03-Jan-2006. To amend Timetable.
- PH0007184/61 **THAMES TRAVEL (WALLINGFORD) LTD, WYNDHAM HOUSE, LESTER WAY, HITHERCROFT INDUSTRIAL ESTATE WALLINGFORD, OXON, OX10 9TA**  
Operating between DIDCOT (UPPER BROADWAY) and OXFORD (ST. ALDATES) given service number 107 effective from 29-Jan-2006. To amend Timetable.
- PH0007184/60 **THAMES TRAVEL (WALLINGFORD) LTD, WYNDHAM HOUSE, LESTER WAY, HITHERCROFT INDUSTRIAL ESTATE WALLINGFORD, OXON, OX10 9TA**  
Operating between READING (MADEJSKI STADIUM) and READING (ROYAL BERKSHIRE HOSPITAL) given service number H1 effective from 19-Dec-2005. To amend Stopping Places and Timetable.

### **Section 3.4 Applications To Vary Existing Services Granted Under Short Notice**

- PF0000508/264 **ARRIVA THE SHIRES LTD, CENTRAL ENGINEERING DEPT, ARRIVA THE SHIRES & ESSEX, 487 DUNSTABLE ROAD LUTON, BEDS, LU4 8DS**  
Operating between PRINCES RISBOROUGH and THAME given service number 231/232 effective from 31-Oct-2005. To amend Timetable.
- PF0000508/201 **ARRIVA THE SHIRES LTD, CENTRAL ENGINEERING DEPT, ARRIVA THE SHIRES & ESSEX, 487 DUNSTABLE ROAD LUTON, BEDS, LU4 8DS**  
Operating between Berkhamstead and Slough given service number 353 effective from 31-Oct-2005. To amend Timetable.
- PH0006767/1 **COLIN MILLS, 32 SOUTH ROAD, KINGSCLERE , NEWBURY, BERKSHIRE, RG20 5RU**  
Operating between Lambourn Area and Hungerford Area given service number 90 CALL-A-BUS/95 effective from 14-Nov-2005. To amend Timetable.
- PH0005994/41 **COURTNEY COACHES LTD T/A COURTNEY COACHES, UNIT 1, BERKSHIRE BUSINESS CENTRE, DOWNMILL ROAD BRACKNELL, BERKS, RG12 1QS**  
Operating between MAIDENHEAD and MAIDENHEAD given service number 11 effective from 31-Oct-2005. To amend Route.
- PH0005994/29 **COURTNEY COACHES LTD T/A COURTNEY COACHES, UNIT 1, BERKSHIRE BUSINESS CENTRE, DOWNMILL ROAD BRACKNELL, BERKS, RG12 1QS**  
Operating between WINDSOR HIGH STREET (STOP C) and NEWLANDS SCHOOL given service number 6/6A effective from 31-Oct-2005. To amend Route and Timetable.
- PH0005994/30 **COURTNEY COACHES LTD T/A COURTNEY COACHES, UNIT 1, BERKSHIRE BUSINESS CENTRE, DOWNMILL ROAD BRACKNELL, BERKS, RG12 1QS**  
Operating between WOODLANDS PARK (SAWYERS CRESCENT) and HALIFAX ROAD given service number 7/7A effective from 31-Oct-2005. To amend Timetable.

- PH0007148/37 **DUKES TRAVEL LTD, LAKERS ROAD GARAGE, BERRY HILL , COLEFORD, GLOS, GL16 7QT**  
Operating between LYDNEY Bus Station and COLEFORD Angel Hotel given service number 721 effective from 05-Dec-2005. To amend Timetable.
- PH0005985/15 **EUROTAXIS LTD, CHERRY ORCHARD BARN, SISTON HILL, SISTON COMMON BRISTOL BS30 5LT**  
Operating between FALFIELD THE HUNTSMAN and THORNBURY THE CASTLE SCHOOL given service number 966 effective from 21-Oct-2005. To amend Timetable.
- PH0004983/30 **FIRST DEVON & CORNWALL LTD, THE RIDE, CHELSON MEADOW, PLYMOUTH PL9 7JT**  
Operating between PLYMOUTH Royal Parade and CIRCULAR given service number 1/1A/1D/2/5/6 effective from 30-Oct-2005. To amend Timetable.
- PH0004983/57 **FIRST DEVON & CORNWALL LTD, THE RIDE, CHELSON MEADOW, PLYMOUTH PL9 7JT**  
Operating between WEMBURY Southland Park Road and NOTRE DAME SCHOOL given service number 48/48S/49 effective from 30-Oct-2005. To amend Timetable.
- PH0004983/135 **FIRST DEVON & CORNWALL LTD, THE RIDE, CHELSON MEADOW, PLYMOUTH PL9 7JT**  
Operating between BARNSTAPLE Bus Station and BUDE Strand/LAUNCESTON given service number X17 effective from 30-Oct-2005. To amend Timetable.
- PH0004983/229 **FIRST DEVON & CORNWALL LTD, THE RIDE, CHELSON MEADOW, PLYMOUTH PL9 7JT**  
Operating between LAUNCESTON, WEST GATE STREET and HOLSWORTHY HOSPITAL given service number 285 effective from 30-Oct-2005. To amend Timetable.
- PH0004983/155 **FIRST DEVON & CORNWALL LTD, THE RIDE, CHELSON MEADOW, PLYMOUTH PL9 7JT**  
Operating between BRADWORTHY Square and BARNSTAPLE Bus Station given service number 372 effective from 30-Oct-2005. To amend Timetable.
- PH0004983/154 **FIRST DEVON & CORNWALL LTD, THE RIDE, CHELSON MEADOW, PLYMOUTH PL9 7JT**  
Operating between HOLSWORTHY Library and BARNSTAPLE Bus Station given service number 71/72 effective from 30-Oct-2005. To amend Timetable.
- PH0004983/152 **FIRST DEVON & CORNWALL LTD, THE RIDE, CHELSON MEADOW, PLYMOUTH PL9 7JT**  
Operating between ASHREIGNEY Church Green and BARNSTAPLE Bus Station given service number 322 effective from 30-Oct-2005. To amend Timetable.
- PH0004983/122 **FIRST DEVON & CORNWALL LTD, THE RIDE, CHELSON MEADOW, PLYMOUTH PL9 7JT**  
Operating between APPLIEDORE Seagate Hotel and ILFRACOMBE Bus Station given service number 1/1A/1E/2/2E/3 effective from 30-Oct-2005. To amend Timetable.
- PH0004983/26 **FIRST DEVON & CORNWALL LTD, THE RIDE, CHELSON MEADOW, PLYMOUTH PL9 7JT**  
Operating between MOUNT BATTEN Pier and WOOLWELL Pick Pie Drive given service number 7/17/7A/7B/7C/7D effective from 30-Oct-2005. To amend Timetable.
- PH0004983/181 **FIRST DEVON & CORNWALL LTD, THE RIDE, CHELSON MEADOW, PLYMOUTH PL9 7JT**  
Operating between TRURO COLLEGE/ BUS STATION and ST MAWES given service number 50 effective from 30-Oct-2005. To amend Route and Timetable.
- PH0004983/56 **FIRST DEVON & CORNWALL LTD, THE RIDE, CHELSON MEADOW, PLYMOUTH PL9 7JT**  
Operating between PLYMOUTH Royal Parade and DERRIFORD Hospital given service number 13 effective from 30-Oct-2005. To amend Timetable.

- PH0004983/124 **FIRST DEVON & CORNWALL LTD, THE RIDE, CHELSON MEADOW, PLYMOUTH PL9 7JT**  
Operating between BARNSTAPLE Bus Station and HARTLAND Northgate Green/Bude Stand given service number 319/X18/X19 effective from 31-Oct-2005. To amend Timetable.
- PH0000132/113 **FIRST SOMERSET AND AVON LTD T/A FIRST, OLDMIXON CRESCENT WESTON-SUPER-MARE, NORTH SOMERSET, BS24 9AY**  
Operating between NEWBRIDGE Park & Ride and BATH Westgate Buildings given service number 21 effective from 24-Nov-2005. To amend Timetable.
- PH0000132/65 **FIRST SOMERSET AND AVON LTD T/A FIRST, OLDMIXON CRESCENT WESTON-SUPER-MARE, NORTH SOMERSET, BS24 9AY**  
Operating between ODD DOWN Park & Ride and BATH City Centre given service number 41 effective from 24-Nov-2005. To amend Timetable.
- PH0000132/114 **FIRST SOMERSET AND AVON LTD T/A FIRST, OLDMIXON CRESCENT WESTON-SUPER-MARE, NORTH SOMERSET, BS24 9AY**  
Operating between BATH Queen Square and LANSDOWN Park & Ride given service number 31 effective from 24-Nov-2005. To amend Timetable.
- PH0000132/140 **FIRST SOMERSET AND AVON LTD T/A FIRST, OLDMIXON CRESCENT WESTON-SUPER-MARE, NORTH SOMERSET, BS24 9AY**  
Operating between YEOVIL Bus station and TAUNTON Bus/Rail Station given service number 630/632/633/634 effective from 07-Nov-2005. To amend Timetable.
- PH0007008/111 **HAMPSHIRE BUS CO LTD T/A STAGECOACH HAMPSHIRE BUS, THE BUS STATION, SOUTHGATE , CHICHESTER, WEST SUSSEX, PO19 8DG**  
Operating between ANDOVER Bus Station and SWINDON Bus Station given service number 70 effective from 31-Oct-2005. To amend Timetable.
- PH0007008/5 **HAMPSHIRE BUS CO LTD T/A STAGECOACH HAMPSHIRE BUS, THE BUS STATION, SOUTHGATE , CHICHESTER, WEST SUSSEX, PO19 8DG**  
Operating between WINCHESTER, Bus Station and GUILDFORD, Bus Station given service number 62/235/564/64/X64 effective from 24-Oct-2005. To amend Timetable.
- PH0005723/4 **HEYFORDIAN TRAVEL LTD, MURDOCK ROAD BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE, OX26 4PP**  
Operating between BANBURY CROSS and BICESTER Town Centre given service number 82 effective from 01-Nov-2005. To amend Timetable.
- PH0006716/48 **LANDYLINES LTD T/A COOKS COACHES, VICTOR HOUSE, GREENHAM BUSINESS PARK, GREENHAM WELLINGTON TA21 0LR**  
Operating between SILK MILLS PARK & RIDE and CORPORATION STREET, TAUNTON given service number PARK & RIDE effective from 28-Nov-2005. To amend Route and Timetable.
- PH1031127/2 **QUANTOCK MOTOR SERVICES LTD, UNIT 82C , TAUNTON TRADING ESTATE NORTON FITZWARREN TAUNTON TA2 6RX**  
Operating between MINEHEAD Butlins Reception and ILFRACOMBE Bus Station given service number 300 effective from 29-Oct-2005. To amend Timetable.
- PH1013784/27 **SHAFTESBURY & DISTRICT MOTOR SERVICES LTD, UNIT 2, MELBURY MOTORS, CANN COMMON SHAFTESBURY, DORSET, SP7 0EB**  
Operating between BOURTON (opp bus shelter) and SHAFTESBURY (School/Health centre) given service number 58/59 effective from 31-Oct-2005. To amend Timetable.
- PH1020951/11 **STAGECOACH DEVON LTD, BELGRAVE ROAD EXETER EX1 2LB**  
Operating between TOWN SQUARE, BRIXHAM and SHERBORNE ROAD, NEWTON ABBOT given service number 12/12A effective from 16-Oct-2005. To amend Timetable.

- PH0000620/16 **TURNER ALBERT RALPH & MARY ESTER & GILSON STEPHEN  
LESLIE & PHILLIPPA C T/A TURNERS TOURS, BOWLING GREEN  
GARAGE CHULMLEIGH, DEVON, EX18 7BT**  
Operating between CHULMLEIGH, Red Lion and EXETER HOSPITAL, Barrack  
Road given service number 374 effective from 05-Dec-2005. To amend Timetable.
- PH0006741/26 **WESTERN GREYHOUND LTD, WESTERN HOUSE, ST. AUSTELL  
STREET, SUMMERCOURT NEWQUAY, CORNWALL, TR8 5DR**  
Operating between POLPERRO, Crumplehorn and CALLINGTON, New Road  
given service number 573 effective from 31-Oct-2005. To amend Timetable.
- PH0005004/206 **WILTS AND DORSET BUS CO LTD T/A WILTS & DORSET, TOWNGATE  
HOUSE, 2-8 PARKSTONE ROAD, POOLE, DORSET, BH15 2PR**  
Operating between HURN and CHRISTCHURCH SCHOOLS given service  
number 750 effective from 31-Oct-2005. To amend Route and Timetable.

### **Section 3.5 Cancellations Of Existing Services**

- PH0005070/52 **BOURNEMOUTH TRANSPORT LTD T/A YELLOW BUSES  
BOURNEMOUTH, MALLARD ROAD BOURNEMOUTH, DORSET, BH8  
9PN**  
Operating between CANFORD HEATH The Pilot and BOURNEMOUTH  
HOSPITAL given service number 39 effective from 27-Dec-2005.
- PH0004983/250 **FIRST DEVON & CORNWALL LTD, THE RIDE, CHELSON MEADOW ,  
PLYMOUTH PL9 7JT**  
Operating between PENZANCE Bus Station and TRURO Bus Station given service  
number X27 effective from 14-Dec-2005.

### **Section 3.6 Cancellations Of Existing Services Granted Under Short Notice**

- PH0002752/2 **RYAN MICHAEL JOHN AND CHRISTOPHER AND NICKY T/A RYANS  
COACHES, WATERSMEET, LANGRIDGE , BATH, AVON, BA1 8AJ**  
Operating between BATH, TERRACE WALK and BATH, GRAND PARADE  
given service number N/A effective from 29-Oct-2005.



## **Section 4**

### **TRAFFIC REGULATION CONDITIONS**

#### **Section 4.1 Requests**

**REFERENCE NUMBER: BANES/2005/1**

**In Notices and Proceedings 2278 published on 27 September 2005 Bath and North East Somerset applied to the Traffic Commissioner for a Traffic Regulation Condition in the Bath area.**

**The Traffic Commissioner has now received an application from Bath and North East Somerset to amend the original Traffic Regulation Condition Application.**

**A copy of the Council's amendments will automatically be sent to those who requested a copy of the original application.**

**If you require a copy of the original application and the amendment please contact the Bristol Office.**

**Operators have 28 days from the date of this publication to make written notice to the Traffic Commissioner requesting a public inquiry into the Traffic Regulation Conditions application by Bath and North East Somerset.**

## **Section 4.2 Determinations**



## **Section 5**

### **Section 5.1 Notice Of Public Inquiries To Be Held**

**A transcript of the taped proceedings of Public Inquiries** (either in full or in part) may be ordered from the Traffic Area Office Compliance Unit. The cost of the transcript varies according to demand and size of content and the Compliance Unit will be able to advise on the scale of charges when an order is placed.

**Appeals in connection with PSV Operator Licences** must be lodged with the Transport Tribunal, Procession House, 55 Ludgate Hill, London EC4M 7JW not later than 28 days after the date of the letter conveying the Traffic Commissioner's (or Deputy Traffic Commissioner's) decision. A copy of the appeals booklet is available from the Traffic Area Office on request. Appellants can alternatively obtain guidance on lodging appeals by visiting **the VOSA website at [www.vosa.gov.uk](http://www.vosa.gov.uk)**

Public Inquiry (31966) to be held at The Gabriel Court Hotel  
Stoke Hill  
Stoke Gabriel  
Totnes  
Devon, on 25 November 2005 commencing at 10:30(Previous Publication:(2281)

PH0005333 SI  
GRAHAM TREVOR DAVIES T/A EXECUTIVE VOYAGES  
2 JUBILEE MEADOW, BETHEL, ST AUSTELL, CORNWALL, PL253EX

**PSV - S16 - Consider attaching of varying conditions under Section 16 (The Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981)**

**PSV - S17 - Consideration of disciplinary action under Section 17 (The Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981)**

**PSV - S28 - Consideration of disciplinary action under Section 28 (The Transport Act 1985)**

Public Inquiry (31940) to be held at Room G8, 2 Rivergate, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6EH, on 30 November 2005 commencing at 10:30(Previous Publication:(2281)

PH0002001 SI  
MICHAEL WILLIAM & ADRIAN CHARLES HILLIER T/A HATTS COACHES  
Partner(s): ADRIAN CHARLES HILLIER , MICHAEL WILLIAM HILLIER .  
HAM VILLA, FOXHAM , CHIPPENHAM, WILTSHIRE, SN154NB

**PSV - S26 - Consideration of disciplinary action under Section 26 (The Transport Act 1985)  
PSV -S155 Transport Act 2000**

## **Section 5.2 Decisions Taken At Public Inquiries**

Public Inquiry (31121) held at Room G8, 2 Rivergate, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6EH on 28 June 2005 at 10:00(Previous Publication:(2281)

PH0003428 SI  
SMITH BETTY EVELYN AND GRAHAM WILLIAM T/A SMITHS COACHES  
Partner(s): GRAHAM WILLIAM SMITH , BETTY EVELYN SMITH .  
GARAGE HOUSE, PYLLE, SHEPTON MALLET, SOMERSET, BA4 6TA

**PSV - S17 - Licence to be revoked with effect from 23:59 hours on 31st October 2005.**

Public Inquiry (31670) held at Room G8, 2 Rivergate, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6EH on 10 October 2005 at 14:00(Previous Publication:(2281)

PH0005994 SN  
COURTNEY COACHES LTD T/A COURTNEY COACHES  
DIRECTOR(s): KATHERINE COURTNEY-SMITH, WILLIAM COURTNEY-SMITH .  
UNIT 1, BERKSHIRE BUSINESS CENTRE, DOWNMILL ROAD BRACKNELL, BERKS, RG12 1QS

**Condition of Section 16 shall be varied to reduce the number of vehicles under the licence to 30 (from 45) with effect from 23:59 hrs. on 31st January 2006.**

**A further variation will be made substituting the figure `30' to `37' if a satisfactory maintenance report is received from VOSA by 31st December 2005**



## **Section 6**

### **ERRATA**

**Phantom Registration for PH1020951/12 Stagecoach, Devon, this variation application was made in error and the service remains the same as previously registered.**

## **FREE OFF-PEAK CONCESSIONARY LOCAL BUS TRAVEL FOR OLDER AND DISABLED PEOPLE**

### **Background**

The Chancellor announced in the Budget on 16 March that free off-peak concessionary travel will be introduced on local bus services in England for people aged 60 and over and disabled people.

This will take effect from 1st April 2006, reflecting the Government's desire to ensure that those eligible get the benefit at the earliest opportunity. The Government feels that this deadline represents a challenging, but achievable, date for getting the schemes operational.

The Department for Transport (DfT) has set up a Concessionary Fares Working Group to help with the implementation. The group consists of representatives from the Local Government Association, the Association of Transport Co-ordinating Officers, pteg - the Passenger Transport Executive Group, individual local authorities and the Confederation of Passenger Transport (representing bus operators).

The group thought it would helpful to write to local authorities clarifying what the statutory scheme covers, explaining the issues and our process and timetable for resolving them. A brief outline of the scheme is set out below. A factsheet is also attached which gives answers to some of the frequently asked questions (FAQs) we have received. The DfT will shortly be placing a further set of FAQs on their website, aimed specifically at passholders and we are looking at other ways of disseminating this information.

### **Scheme coverage**

A Statutory Instrument is being laid before Parliament to amend the concessionary travel provisions in the Transport Act 2000. From April 2006, each Travel Concession Authority will be required to provide free off-peak travel on registered local bus services within its area. Under the Transport Act 2000, a Travel Concession Authority area is defined as a local authority at district council level, non-metropolitan unitary authority or Passenger Transport Executive area. The Government is

authority or Passenger Transport Executive area. The Government is not proposing to extend the statutory coverage of the scheme in terms of time, place or mode, though it is open to local authorities to go beyond the statutory minimum if they wish and have the resources to do so. Authorities will wish to give early consideration to the extent to which existing reciprocal arrangements between authorities can be continued.

The change from statutory half fare to free local travel will take effect on 1 April 2006. While the working group did consider the arguments for an introduction date later in April, the Department considers that the start date is in line with normal government practice, the Government's intention to deliver the change at the earliest opportunity and the public's expectations.

Authorities will need to specify the categories of bus service which will be included in their concessionary fare scheme. This will continue to be governed by the Travel Concessions (Eligible Services) Order 2002 (SI 2002/1016). This order prescribes the services eligible for concessionary fares purposes under the Transport Act 1985 and 2000. In broad terms, authorities will want to include those services which are included in existing schemes.

## Funding

The Budget made provision for an additional £350 million in 2006/07. The Government's view is that this is sufficient in total to fund the additional cost to local authorities of moving from their current arrangements to free-fare concessionary local bus travel. The extra funding was calculated against an estimate of the overall cost of providing the statutory half-fare provision (rather than against the costs of previous schemes offering concessions above the current statutory provision).

The Government is keen to ensure the extra funding is distributed in the most effective and equitable way.

In the Budget, it was announced that the funding would be distributed through the Revenue Support Grant system, administered by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM). ODPM has started consultation on the Formula Grant review. This includes an option that increases the weights on those variables in the EPCS block formula that are linked to concessionary travel uptake. For example, population density, pensioners on income support, and people on longer term disability allowance. Further details of the consultation can be found on the ODPM website ([www.ODPM.gov.uk](http://www.ODPM.gov.uk)).

Written representation from authorities in response to the proposals should be submitted during the formal consultation period, which ends 10 October. Final decisions on the way forward will not be made until Ministers have had an opportunity to fully consider all responses to the consultation.

## Actions required and timetable

The working group is looking at the implementation process on behalf of all the interested parties. To implement the new arrangements, it will be necessary to make an Order under the Transport Act 2000. The DfT is aiming to get the Order laid in Parliament to allow for its introduction by the end of December. Local authorities will need to provide no less than four months notice to bus operators of proposed changes to their concessionary fares schemes resulting from the implementation of the new statutory minimum.

The working group feels introducing additional regulations on reimbursement would not be appropriate in the time available. The Department will therefore issue an update of the existing guidance as an interim measure to assist local authorities with implementing the statutory minimum. The Department is keen to ensure a smooth transition to the new arrangements.

The Department has commissioned the Institute of Transport Studies (University of Leeds), to produce a 'toolkit' to help local authorities calculate reimbursement arrangements for the free fare scheme. The toolkit will not be part of the guidance, so there will be no compulsion to use it. The DfT will, however, expect local authorities to take account of the guidance. The working group is providing input into this project.

This information will be updated as necessary and published on the DfT website at <http://www.dft.gov.uk/buses/concessionaryfares>

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE INSTRUCTIONS ABOVE ONLY APPLY TO ENGLAND AND WALES.**

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **Concessionary travel for older and disabled people in England**

#### **1. What is the Government proposing to change ?**

The Government is changing the statutory minimum requirement for older and disabled persons' travel concessions established in the Transport Act 2000. This will change from **half-fare** off-peak local bus travel to **free** off-peak local bus travel.

**We do not intend to change any other aspect of the statutory minimum requirement.**

#### **2. When is the statutory minimum changing ?**

The change to free fares from half fares will take effect on 1st April 2006.

#### **3. Who will be responsible for providing concessionary fare schemes ?**

Responsibility will remain with Travel Concession Authorities as defined in the Transport Act 2000. Every non-metropolitan district council, non-metropolitan unitary authority and English Passenger Transport Executive is designated as a Travel Concession Authority.

However, local authorities will remain able to join together to run schemes, for example through county councils. We would encourage authorities to do this wherever practicable.

#### **4. Who will be eligible to claim concessionary fares ?**

All men and women aged 60 and over and disabled people who qualify under the categories listed in the Transport Act 2000, resident in the travel concession authority's area.

#### **5. What area will we be obliged to cover with concessionary travel schemes ?**

Each concessionary travel scheme will continue to operate within the area of the District or Unitary Council, or Passenger Transport Executive in metropolitan areas. However, local authorities will remain able to work with neighbouring authorities to provide county-wide or area-wide schemes, or to offer concessions on specific cross-boundary journeys, at their own discretion.

## **6. What modes will we be obliged to cover with concessionary travel schemes ?**

The statutory minimum only applies to registered local bus services. However, local authorities will be able to continue to provide concessions on other modes such as rail, light rail, taxis, ferries and non-registered bus services, based on their judgement of local needs and circumstances and their overall financial priorities.

## **7. What times will we be obliged to cover with concessionary travel schemes ?**

The statutory minimum provides for concessionary travel between 9.30 am and 11pm Mondays to Fridays and all day at weekends and Bank Holidays.

However, local authorities may offer a more generous scheme, such as offering travel before 9.30 am Mondays to Fridays, using their discretion and based on judgements of local circumstances.

## **8. What services will be eligible to participate in concessionary travel schemes ?**

Eligible services will continue to be defined by the Travel Concessions (Eligible Services) Order 2002.

## **9. How much notice do local authorities need to give bus operators of changes to our concessionary fares schemes ?**

Local authorities should provide no less than four months' notice to bus operators of proposed changes to their operator reimbursement arrangements resulting from the implementation of the new statutory minimum in April 2006 and should try to reach agreement on these changes with the operators.

In the absence of agreement, authorities will need to determine final reimbursement arrangements at least 28 days before the scheme commences. Given a 1st April introduction date, this will be 4th March (or in practice, 3rd March as the 4th is a Saturday.) These may or may not be the same as the proposed reimbursement arrangements initially published, though any change will have to be reasonable, given the objective for the notice is to allow the parties to discuss the matter.

## **10. Can we still charge for concessionary travel passes ?**

There will be no charge for the pass issued for statutory schemes. However, where local authorities offer the option of an alternative scheme, for example, one that covers a wider area such as a county, the authority may make a charge for the pass. In these circumstances, a scheme that meets the statutory minimum must remain available as an option.

### **11. What about alternative schemes such as travel tokens ?**

Local authorities will remain able to offer more generous or alternative schemes. This includes offering travel token schemes and including certain community transport services within concessionary travel schemes. However, such enhancements will continue to be entirely at local authorities' own discretion, based on their judgement of local needs and circumstances and their overall financial priorities.

### **12. Will the Government be funding the changes ?**

The Government is providing an extra £350m to local authorities in 2006/07, which will, in aggregate, adequately fund the total additional cost to local authorities of moving to free-fare concessionary local bus travel.

### **13. How will funding reach local authorities ?**

The Government is very keen to ensure the extra funding is distributed in the most effective and equitable way.

In the Budget, it was announced that the funding would be distributed through the Revenue Support Grant system, administered by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM). Concessionary fares are currently included in the Environment, Protective and Cultural Services (EPCS) block formula.

ODPM have started a consultation exercise on the Formula Grant Review. This includes an option for changing the weights in the EPCS block linked to concessionary fares uptake. Written representation from authorities should be submitted in response to the consultation proposals, during the formal consultation period.

Final decisions on the way forward will not be made until all responses to the consultation have been fully considered.

### **14. Why isn't the Government introducing a national scheme, like in Wales and Scotland ?**

While it is acknowledged that a national scheme has clear potential benefits, it would require primary legislation, take longer to implement and considerably increase the cost of providing concessionary travel. The Government is providing extra funding to enable local authorities to offer free local bus travel and this will be a significant enhancement as most bus journeys are within the local area. It remains open to local authorities to co-operate to provide wider area schemes, for example covering a whole county – and many already do so.

With devolution there inevitably comes differences in approach - but these are decisions for the devolved administrations to take, depending on their own funding and policy priorities. One of the consequences of devolution is that there may be differences in what is offered.

**15. Will the changes affect concessions for young people ?**

No. Concessionary fares for young people will not be affected by the changes, other than for those who qualify under the disability criteria in the Transport Act 2000.

**16. What will this mean for London, which already offers free travel ?**

Different legislation governs concessionary travel in London. Travel concessions in London are governed by sections 240 to 244 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999, as amended by section 151 of the Transport Act 2000.

The Act provides that the London Boroughs and Transport for London must reach agreement annually on a concessionary travel scheme. The Order being laid to change the statutory minimum will also ensure that any scheme in London must include free off-peak local bus travel.

The London Boroughs will therefore receive a proportion of the extra £350m to reflect this statutory requirement.

**17. Who else should we be talking to ?**

The Department for Transport will send information to Chief Executives and Transport Directors in local authorities and Passenger Transport Executives as necessary. We will also send information to stakeholders in the bus industry and others like MPs, Transport 2000 and Help the Aged.

We would encourage you to tell others who will want to know what is happening for planning or delivery reasons, as well as those who may be asked questions by the public. This includes your press office, information centre, neighbourhood offices, care staff, councillors and other council directorates.

We will shortly be placing a further set of FAQs on our website, aimed specifically at passholders and we are looking at other ways of disseminating this information.



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JAMES VICTOR BARR	23/05/1956	PH1047188	2.6
MATTHEW BOWDEN	22/12/1975	PH1050461	2.2
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KATHERINE COURTNEY-SMITH	31/01/1947	PH0005994	5.2
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GERALD DAY	19/01/1949	PH1050940	2.2
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ALAN PETER FAIRBROTHER	13/12/1953	PH1048036	2.4
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ALBERT JAMES FOX	13/11/1949	PH1018293	2.4
ADRIAN CHARLES HILLIER	16/12/1957	PH0002001	5.1
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JOHN JENNINGS	12/02/1967	PH1036018	2.4
DEIRDRE JERRIM	04/12/1948	PH1039584	2.4
ALAN JERRIM	22/10/1946	PH1039584	2.4
MICHAEL ANDREW JONES	04/06/1970	PH1051686	2.2
WAYNES JONES	30/08/1976	PH1050461	2.2
PAUL JONES	08/01/1954	PH1053279	2.1
JOHN R LAWRENCE	Not Given	PH1050461	2.2
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PETER GEORGE MILLER	29/03/1948	PH1024521	2.4
DAVID NIGEL NORRIS	29/06/1963	PH1051831	2.2
CHARLES PAINE	29/03/1973	PH1050940	2.2
CHRISTOPHER PERRY	22/02/1943	PH1051767	2.2
JAMES SELWAY	01/06/1981	PH1053114	2.1
RUSSELL SELWAY	16/01/1983	PH1053114	2.1
WALTER SELWAY	21/01/1947	PH1053114	2.1
DARYL NORMAN SMITH	05/05/1964	PH1047188	2.6
ROBERT JAMES STACEY	07/02/1974	PH1051767	2.2
JOHN STANLEY	08/11/1956	PH1052688	2.1
ALISTAIR JAMES TAYLOR	17/08/1965	PH1051767	2.2
JOHN LEONARD TOMPKINS	29/01/1962	PH1049653	2.2
STEPHEN WILLIS	01/03/1952	PH0006254	2.4
RONALD CHRISTOPHER WILSON	19/04/1948	PH1052688	2.1