

Report of the Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Environment and Transport

Introduction

I have been asked to report as follows for Full Council on 21 July 2022:

1. By Councillor Bailey on:

.....the difficulties with the commissioning of the bus service between Exeter, Ottery St Mary and Axminster so that services can be re-instated to its previous level.

Response

1. Bus Service (Ottery St Mary)

Stagecoach gave notice of their intention to withdraw from operated the service from Exeter beyond Cranbrook to Ottery St Mary, Honiton and Axminster. A replacement contract was tendered and the level of service to be introduced reflects the best level that can be provided with the resources available.

Officers from our Transport Coordination Service worked hard to retain as much of the current level of service as possible and I am aware that they have kept you up to date with relevant information.

To put the reduction in context, the number of journeys between Ottery St Mary and Exeter between 0650 and 1745 in the current timetable is 21 and this will be reduced to 17.

I set out at Cabinet on 13 July the current difficulties with the local bus network and the additional pressure this places on the County Council. Taking this into account, at the present time I cannot see any increase in this service level.

Councillor Andrea Davis

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