

Appendix 3B: General Local Bus Services – Journeys Recommended for Withdrawal of Subsidy

The bus services listed below include journeys supported by the Council which are considered “low priority” in relation to the adopted support criteria and are therefore recommended for withdrawal of support (see highlighted column). The table also summarises the journeys which will remain (if any) and the financial effect of withdrawal of support.

No.	Route Description	Operational frequency, days and times	Council supported journeys recommended for withdrawal	Other Remaining Journeys	Impact Assessment – Consultation Response	Alternative Services / Additional Mitigation	Financial Effect of Recommendation
20	Hanley – Alsager – Crewe Bus Station – Leighton Hospital	Mondays to Sundays (including Bank Holiday)	All Sunday and public holidays journeys between Crewe Bus Station and Leighton Hospital only	All Monday to Saturday journeys between Hanley and Leighton Hospital, and Sundays Hanley to Crewe Bus Station	9 responses were received for Sunday journeys. The majority of comments related to the weekday element of the service which is operated commercially and is likely to be unaffected. Passengers who are affected are those who use the Sunday service between Crewe bus station and Leighton Hospital	An alternative Sunday service between Crewe bus station and Leighton Hospital is service 6E – which is an hourly service between 1210 and 2110.	Annual reduction in public transport support = £11,072
108	Ashbourne – Leek – Macclesfield	9 journeys per day Mondays to Fridays (8 Saturdays) 1 morning extended to Fallibroome High School on school days only One additional return journey Friday and Saturday evening only	1 morning journey – Leek to Macclesfield (extended to Fallibroome High School on school days only) 1 return journey (Fallibroome to Sutton/ Langley on school days only) One return journey Friday and Saturday evening only Service is also supported by Derbyshire County Council	4 return journeys remain Monday to Saturday between 07.30 and 17.40	6 responses were received. Passengers affected are those who use the school day journeys provided in term time only to access Macclesfield schools 2 responses were received for the supported evening journeys. Surveys carried out by Staffordshire County Council show that the evening journeys have very low passenger numbers in the Cheshire East area	There are 5 entitled scholars travelling on this service who will be accommodated on a home to school transport contract The 4 daytime return journeys are expected to remain	Annual reduction in public transport support = £40,917 (less cost of home to school transport for entitled scholars)
85	Newcastle – Madeley – Crewe	Monday to Saturday hourly service supplemented with additional services in peak times.	1 early morning journey 0550 from Crewe to Newcastle arriving 0643 4 evening return journeys Mondays to Saturday Service is also supported by Staffordshire County Council	Daytime services (generally an hourly service from 0650 to 1705)	9 responses were received in relation to the journeys supported by the Council. Passengers most affected are those who use the early morning (0550) and evening journeys to get to work	For early morning and evening journeys in the Crewe area, the Flexi Rider operates on Monday to Friday between 0500 – 0730 and 1815 – 2230 Flexible transport could provide a potential evening alternative for the outlying areas of Weston and Wychwood Park	Annual reduction in public transport support = £12,729

378	Stockport – Handforth – Wilmslow	Monday to Saturday hourly service – peak, off peak and evening journeys, plus hourly off peak on Sundays	4 return evening journeys Monday to Friday and 3 return journeys on Saturday. All Sunday and Bank Holiday journeys. Service is also supported by Transport for Greater Manchester	Monday to Saturday daytime hourly service	12 responses were received for the supported evening and Sunday journeys, which are generally used for leisure, social and work.	For residents wishing to travel between Wilmslow or Handforth to Stockport there is a high frequency direct train service that runs in the evenings and Sundays & Public Holidays taking approximately 10 minutes.	Annual reduction in public transport support = £23,156
130	Macclesfield – Wilmslow – Manchester	Monday to Friday half hourly daytime service. Saturday & Sunday hourly service	Saturday: 2 morning journeys from Macclesfield (0645 & 0745) and 1 from Handforth (0744)	Majority of Monday to Sunday service remains	37 responses were received for Saturday daytime journeys. The main journey purpose was shops and service, followed by leisure	For residents wishing to travel between Macclesfield and Manchester on Saturday mornings there are trains that leave at 0712 0719 taking approx. 30 minutes via Stockport	Annual reduction in public transport support = £9,068
		Monday to Saturday evening service (2 return journeys)	Monday to Saturday evening service (2 return journeys)		16 responses were received for evening journeys, which are generally used to access work, leisure and social events	For residents wishing to travel between Alderley Edge, Handforth, Wilmslow and Macclesfield there is an evening train service via Stockport (last train 2113)	Annual reduction in public transport support = £38,887
127	Chesteron – Crewe	Friday only service	Friday only service This service is also supported by Staffordshire County Council	None	No consultation responses were received Data from Staffordshire County Council shows that during a 6 week period only 5 passengers from Cheshire East used the service	Alternative bus services are available from the Weston area to Crewe (inc. the hourly 85 service). Flexible transport would be an appropriate solution	Annual reduction in public transport support = £2,025
44	Crewe - Shavington – Hough – Nantwich	Mondays to Saturdays – hourly peak/ off peak	All diversions into Hough village. Plus 4 journeys from Crewe (0745, 0845, 1545, 1645) and 4 journeys from Nantwich (0740, 1540, 1640, 1740)	Hourly off- peak service remains but does not serve Hough.	25 responses were received with the main journey purpose being shops and services and work	For Hough village residents, flexible transport would be an appropriate solution.	Annual reduction in public transport support = £22,306
45	Crewe - Marshfields – Nantwich	Monday to Saturday: half hourly service plus Sunday: hourly service between Crewe and Marshfield	Monday to Saturday: departures from Crewe bus station (0712 , 1512, 1612, 1712) and Nantwich Bus Station (0815, 0915, 1515, 1615, 1715)	Off peak services remain	17 responses were received for the daytime peak journeys. The majority use the service for accessing shops and work. Some use the service to access onward connecting journeys from Crewe bus station.	The 45A provides an alternative bus service for part of the route in the afternoons. In Crewe area, for evening services the Crewe Flexi Rider operates Monday to Friday (1815 – 2230).	Annual reduction in public transport support = £20,903
			Monday to Saturday: 5 evenings return between Crewe and Marshfield journeys starting 1840 last bus 2259		4 responses were received for the evening journeys	For direct route there is frequent, direct train between Crewe and Nantwich	Annual reduction in public transport support = £14.801

56	Tiverton – Bunbury – Nantwich	One return off peak journey 2 days per week (Thursdays and Saturdays)	One return off peak journey 2 days per week (Thursdays and Saturdays) This service is also supported by Cheshire West and Chester.	None	No consultation responses were received	Flexible transport would be an appropriate solution	Annual reduction in public transport support from both the 56 and 83 services = £8,047
83	Bulkerley – Bunbury - Chester	One return off peak journey 1 day per week (Tuesdays)	One return off peak journey 1 day per week (Tuesdays) This service is also supported by Cheshire West and Chester	None	No consultation responses were received	Flexible transport would be an appropriate solution offering a feeder to the 84 service	
391	Middlewood – Poynton – Stockport	Monday to Saturday - hourly service (for most of the day) between 0640 and 2235	Monday to Saturday An hourly service (for most of the day) between 0640 and 2235	None	164 responses were received for the 391 service. The main reason for using the bus was access to shops and services, with 10% using it for work. Most people state that they use the service 2-3 times per week. Many commented that Higher Poynton would be isolated without a bus service. Comments and suggestions include terminating 391, 392 and 393 services at Hazel Grove – where passengers can connect with the 192 service to Stockport.	It is recommended that the timetables for the 391, 392/393 be reviewed and discussed with the operator to continue to provide a service in these areas in a more cost effective way. There is an option to curtail service 392/393 at Hazel Grove where high frequency services operate to Manchester and Stockport. There is a two-hourly train service running from Middlewood to Stockport and Manchester (hourly in peak). There is currently a voluntary car scheme available one morning a week.	The anticipated saving from the review of existing timetables for the 391, 392/393 is expected to be approximately £110,000. This review and rescheduling will provide greater value for money and is a more cost effective way of continuing to serve the Middlewood and Poynton communities.
5 /6	Macclesfield – Weston Estate	Monday to Friday evenings Circular service every half hour between 1805 and 2335	Monday to Friday evenings Circular service every half hour between 1805 and 2335	None	8 responses were received. The majority use the service to access shops, social and leisure. Comments suggest that the service is also used to connect with other public transport options in Macclesfield.		Annual reduction in public transport support = £17,875
84	Crewe – Nantwich – Chester	All day service operating between Crewe and Nantwich starting at 0635 every 15 minutes and ½ hourly between Nantwich and Chester	4 evening return journeys starting from 1845 and 2145 – final journey between Crewe and Nantwich only 2235. This service is also supported by Cheshire West and Chester	Frequent service between Crewe, Nantwich and Chester up to 1815	16 responses were received for the supported evening journeys which are used for leisure or social event.	There is an hourly train service connects Crewe and Nantwich until 2330 and the Crewe to Chester train operates to midnight	Annual reduction in public transport support = £18,545

8	Crewe – Wistaston Green Circular service	All day ¼ hourly service Mondays t Fridays from 0653 up to 1720 6 return journeys from 1823 to 2323 Hourly service Sundays	6 evening return journeys from 1823 to 2323	Monday to Friday ¼ hourly service and hourly Sunday service remains	2 responses were received for the evening journeys.	For the evening journeys in the Crewe area, Crewe Flexi Rider operates on Monday to Friday 1815 - 2230	Annual reduction in public transport support = £14,801
15	Crewe – Sydney – Elm Drive (circular)	Monday to Saturday. Hourly morning peak and evenings between 1800 and 2300 Sunday and bank holidays between 1100 and 1900	Monday to Saturday Hourly morning peak and evenings between 1800 and 2300	Sunday and Bank Holidays remain Monday to Saturday daytime service provided by service 14/16	9 responses were received with 3 using the service daily in the evening. The main reason was to visit family and friends. Some use for onward connection to the hospital	For the evening journeys in the Crewe area, Crewe Flexi Rider operates on Monday to Friday 1815 - 2230	Annual reduction in public transport support = £14,801
9/ 10A	Macclesfield – Moss Rose / Bollington	9: Monday to Saturday Half hourly service between 0700 and 1800 and hourly between 1855 and 2255 Hourly service Sundays 10A: Half hourly service between 0702 and 1835 and hourly service between 1835 and 2335 Hourly service Sundays	9: Monday to Saturday Hourly evening service between 1855 and 2255 10A: Hourly evening service between 1835 and 2335	9 / 10A: Daily half-hourly service approximately between 0700 and 1830, including hourly on a Sunday	24 responses were received for evening journeys. The main journey purpose is social, leisure or accessing shops and services	The half hourly daytime service until 1830 will remain, including the Sunday service	Annual reduction in public transport support = £20,486
390	Bramhall – Poynton – Stockport	Monday to Saturday Three outbound and two return journeys (off peak mornings and early afternoon)	Monday to Saturday Three outbound and two return journeys (off peak mornings and early afternoon) This service is also supported by Transport for Greater Manchester	None	35 responses were received. The majority use the service on weekdays at off-peak times to access shops and services.	This is a limited service within Cheshire East and is used by Poynton West residents to get to Poynton village and beyond. Flexible transport would be an appropriate solution to offer a feeder service for 392 / 393 and on to Hazel Grove.	Annual reduction in public transport support = £6,092
9	Crewe – Rope Green	Monday to Saturday hourly service between 0935 and 2103	6 journeys between 1235 and 1735	3 journeys between 0935 and 1135	10 responses were received. The main journey purpose was medical / health	The morning journeys will remain and with interchange in the town centre service 6 (half hourly) provides access to Rope Green	Annual reduction in public transport support = £18,387
16	Crewe – Sydney	Monday to Saturday, 3 journeys an hour between 0835 and 1735	2 morning journeys (0835 and 0905) and 7 afternoon journeys (from 1425 to 1735). All day Saturday between 0835 and 1735.	Off-peak day time Monday to Friday service 0925 - 1425	12 responses were received. The majority use the service daily during peak and off peak times, as well as Saturday	For the evening journeys in the Crewe area, Crewe Flexi Rider operates on Monday to Friday 1815 - 2230	Annual reduction in public transport support = £17,895
38	Crewe – Macclesfield	Monday to Sunday hourly service for most of the day between 0645 and 2332. Sunday hourly service starting at 0935 to 2331.	5 evening return journeys on Sunday 1835 from Crewe and 1850 from Macclesfield	All day service, hourly for most parts except Sunday evening	6 responses were received. Most people use the service for social events	The daytime and evening journeys will remain on Monday to Saturday, along with the Sunday daytime service.	Annual reduction in public transport support = £20,414