

REVIEW OF BUS SERVICES FUNDED BY BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

Brighton & Hove City Council plans and funds a number of bus services. We pay for some complete routes and a number of evening, Sunday and school services. As these services are not profitable, they would not run without financial support from the council.

The Transport Act 1985 gives local authorities the powers to seek tenders, and then to issue contracts, for bus services which are considered 'socially necessary,' but which are not commercially viable.

Contracts for existing supported services were issued in September 2008, and are due to expire in September 2012. Before going out to tender for replacement services we are very keen to take into account the views of local communities throughout the city.

Please would you take time to let me have your views, or the views of your organisation, on any or all of the existing council funded bus services. These are some of the things you may like to think about:

- Do the services run at suitable times ?
- Do they run to useful destinations ?
- Do the services offer value for money ?
- Are there any areas of Brighton & Hove which are not currently on bus routes, and where a bus route would be beneficial ?
- In terms of employment and educational opportunities, and of encouraging bus travel, are any new "direct" bus routes needed ?

I've attached a list of all current council-funded bus services. A brief explanation of the purpose behind each service, its route and current subsidy per passenger journey is also given.

It would also be very helpful if you would let me know which types of bus service you think are most important. In what order of priority would you place the following?

- Evening services
- Sunday Services
- School services
- Services for commuting to work
- Monday to Saturday daytime "off-peak" services.

If you would like to discuss any of these points, or if you have any questions, please do contact Richard Johnson on (01273) 292480, or by e mail richard.johnson@brighton-hove.gov.uk

LIST OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT CONTRACTS

HOW THIS LIST IS SET OUT

Section A: Mainstream & Short Term Contracts.

These cover services which are entirely funded by the council.

They are then divided into four groups, depending on what days the contracts operate:

- 1) Mondays to Saturdays daytime
- 2) Mondays to Saturdays evenings (after 1800)
- 3) Sundays and Public Holidays
- 4) Schooldays only

Section B: 'De Minimis' and short term contracts

These contracts are mainly used to extend existing commercial services – for example, to serve more areas or offer extra journeys.

Section C: Summary list of contract details and the subsidy paid by the council for each single passenger journey

For each contract you will find a heading in bold type, giving the service number, contract number and a short route description. These show the section of route that is funded by the council. The capacity of the vehicle is the minimum number of seats which the council calculated would be necessary to meet demand under normal circumstances.

In section A, the name of the bus company which has the current contract to run the service is given at the end in italics.

In section B, the bus company's name is given with the route and service number. This is because the bus company runs the main service commercially and the council's *de minimis* contract is a small addition to this. For similar reasons, capacity is not referred to in section B, because it is expected that the bus company will use the same size of vehicle as it normally uses on the route.

In section C, the subsidy per single passenger journey is calculated by dividing the total amount paid by the council for the service by the total number of single journeys made by passengers. A return journey counts as two single journeys.

SECTION A: Mainstream and Short Term Contracts

1. Mondays to Saturdays Daytime

Contract 7832 Service 16/66

Portslade – Knoll Estate – Hangleton – Sainsbury’s

Services 16 and 66 provide transport links between Knoll Estate, Hangleton and Portslade, as well as to West Hove Sainsbury’s.

Monday – Saturday daytime service

Currently operated by Brighton & Hove Bus and Coach Company

Service 37B (Contract 2880)

Bristol Estate – Royal Sussex County Hospital – Kemp Town – Churchill Square - Brighton Station - Hanover – Queens Park – Lewes Road – Meadowview

Service 37B provides a service for the following areas of Brighton: Southover Street, Pankhurst Avenue, Hartington Road and Bear Road. It also provides a number of local direct links (for example, between Queens Park and Brighton Station) and a through service to the city centre from Meadowview. Service 37B also ensures that Bristol Estate has three buses per hour (without funding, service 37 would only run half-hourly).

Hourly service Monday to Saturday daytimes.

Currently operated by Brighton & Hove Bus and Coach Company

Service 47 (Contract 2876)

Brighton Station – Churchill Square – Kemp Town – Royal Sussex County Hospital – Marina – Rottingdean – East Saltdean

Service 47 provides a service to parts of Saltdean and East Saltdean which are not served by other bus routes: this includes Cranleigh Avenue, Westmeston Avenue, Tumulus Road, Saltdean Library and Community Centre, Rodmell Avenue and Bannings Vale. It also provides access from the east to Royal Sussex County Hospital and into Brighton Marina.

Rodmell Avenue and Bannings Vale are in East Sussex, but East Sussex County Council do contribute towards the funding for service 47.

Hourly service Monday to Saturday daytimes.

Currently operated by Brighton & Hove Bus and Coach Company

Service 52 (Contract 2877)

Brighton Station/ Churchill Square – County Hospital – Marina – Ovingdean – Woodingdean

Service 52 provides a service to Brighton Marina and the city centre from Ovingdean, and the Downs Valley Road area of Woodingdean. It also provides some local links within Woodingdean that are not possible on commercial service 22 (which is a one-way circular service, and does not give easy access to Cowley Drive shops).

Hourly service Monday to Saturday daytimes.

Currently operated by Brighton & Hove Bus and Coach Company

Service 56 (Contract 2878)

Knoll Estate – Churchill Square – Stanford Avenue – Hollingbury – ASDA - Patcham

Service 56 provides a service to London Road and the city centre from areas of Patcham and Hollingbury which are not served by the commercial bus network. These include Ladies Mile Road (east), Beechwood Avenue, Wilmington Way and Lyminster Avenue. It also provides many links within Patcham and Hollingbury, particularly to local libraries, Asda and the shops in Old London Road, Patcham.

Service 56 also provides the only off-peak bus service along much of Old Shoreham Road, and the only direct bus service between Knoll Estate and the city centre.

Hourly service Monday to Saturday daytimes.

Currently operated by Brighton & Hove Bus and Coach Company

EasyLink Special Shopperbuses (Contracts 7800, 9082, 9131 & 9812)

Demand-responsive fully accessible bus services linking different areas of Brighton & Hove with a local superstore, city centre & Churchill Square on Mondays to Fridays.

Currently operated by Community Transport (Brighton, Hove and Area) Ltd

PLEASE NOTE THAT EASYLINK SERVICES WILL NOT BE PUT OUT TO TENDER FOR SEPTEMBER 2012. This does not mean that the services will end then, but for operational reasons they are not part of the four-year network review.

2. Mondays to Saturdays Evenings (after 1800 hrs)

Service 21 (Contract 2875)

Brighton Station – Marina

Via London Road Shops, Elm Grove, Manor Hill and Whitehawk

Service 21 provides an evening bus service for the Manor Hill area. It also provides evening links between Brighton Marina and Whitehawk, and to Brighton Station.

Hourly service Monday to Saturday evenings

Currently operated by Brighton & Hove Bus and Coach Company

Service 81 (Contract 2885)

Brighton Old Steine – Hove Town Hall – Hove Station – Goldstone Valley

Via Western Road & Shirley Drive

Service 81 provides an evening bus service for the Goldstone Valley, Shirley Drive and Woodland Drive areas.

Hourly service Monday to Saturday evenings

Currently operated by Brighton & Hove Bus and Coach Company

Service 81A (Contract 2886)

Brighton Station – Queens Park Road – Bevendean Road – Meadowview

Via Coombe Road

Service 81A provides an evening bus service for the Queens Park, Freshfield Road, Bevendean Road, Coombe Road and Meadowview areas.

Half-hourly service Monday to Saturday evenings

Currently operated by Brighton & Hove Bus and Coach Company

3. Sundays and Public Holidays

Service 57 (Contract 2879)

Brighton Station – East Saltdean

Via County Hospital, Marina, Ovingdean, Saltdean

Service 57 provides a Sunday and Public Holiday service for Ovingdean, and parts of Saltdean and East Saltdean not served by the commercial bus network (including Westmeston Avenue, Tumulus Road, Rodmell Avenue and Bannings Vale). Rodmell

Avenue and Bannings Vale are in East Sussex, but East Sussex County Council contributes towards the funding for service 57.

Hourly service Sunday daytimes

Currently operated by Brighton & Hove Bus and Coach Company

Service 81A (Contract 2887)

Brighton Station – Queens Park Road – Bevendean Road – Meadowview

Via Coombe Road

Service 81A provides a Sunday bus service for the Queens Park, Freshfield Road, Bevendean Road and Coombe Road areas.

Hourly service Sunday daytimes (the Sunday evening service is covered by 'de-minimis' contract 7824)

Currently operated by Brighton & Hove Bus and Coach Company

Service 81C (Contract 2888)

Brighton Old Steine – Furze Hill - Hove Town Hall – Hove Station – Goldstone Valley

Via Shirley Drive

Service 81C provides a Sunday bus service for the Furze Hill, Goldstone Valley, Shirley Drive and Woodland Drive areas.

Hourly service Sunday daytimes

Currently operated by Brighton & Hove Bus and Coach Company

4. Schooldays only.

These services provide direct transport between the schools and areas listed below.

Service 74 (Contract 2881)

Lewes Road – Patcham High School

Via Lower Bevendean – North Moulsecoomb

Departs Lewes Road at 7.37am

Departs Patcham High School at 3.00pm

Currently operated by Brighton & Hove Bus and Coach Company

Service 75 (Contract 2882)

The Avenue - Patcham High School

Via Lower Bevendean - North Moulsecoomb – Coldean

Departs The Avenue at 7.43am

Departs Patcham High School at 3.00pm

Currently operated by Brighton & Hove Bus and Coach Company

Service 76 (Contract 2883)

Saltdean Vale – Longhill School

Via Lustrells Vale

Departs Saltdean Vale 7.35am

Departs Longhill School 2.50pm

Currently operated by Brighton & Hove Bus and Coach Company

Service 76A (Contract 2884)

Peacehaven – Longhill School

Via East Saltdean – Longridge Avenue

Departs Peacehaven 7.11am

Departs Longhill School 2.50pm

East Sussex County Council also contributes towards the funding for service 76A.

Currently operated by Brighton & Hove Bus and Coach Company

Service 91 (Contract 2895)
Coombe Road – Cardinal Newman School
Via Hollingdean – Fiveways - Preston Circus

Mornings only
Departs Coombe Road 7.44am

Currently operated by Brighton & Hove Bus and Coach Company

Service 95 (Contract 2891)
Hangleton – Cardinal Newman School/ Cottesmore School
Via Portslade Station & Hove Town Hall

Departs Hangleton 7.53am
Departs Cottesmore School 3.15pm

Currently operated by Brighton & Hove Bus and Coach Company

Service 95A (Contract 2892)
Foredown Drive – Mile Oak – Cardinal Newman School/ Cottesmore School
Via Portslade Station, Hove Station

Departs Foredown Drive 7.37am
Departs Cottesmore School at 3.10pm

Currently operated by Brighton & Hove Bus and Coach Company

Service 96 (Contract 2893)
Carden Avenue – Blatchington Mill School/ Hove Park Lower School
Via Westdene – Withdean Sports Stadium – Woodland Drive

Departs Patcham 7.49am
Departs Blatchington Mill School 3.10pm

Currently operated by Brighton & Hove Bus and Coach Company

SECTION B : De Minimis Contracts

The services in this section will not be put out to tender for September 2012. This does not mean that the services will end then. They are services which are either closely linked to a commercial bus service, or they are short term contracts that do not form part of the four-year network review:

Sunday evening journeys after 6pm during the winter

All Sunday evening journeys on the following routes are funded by the council:

Brighton & Hove Bus Company Service 21B (Contract 7809)
Brighton Marina – Manor Hill – Open Market – Brighton

Brighton & Hove Bus Company Service 22 (Contract 7810)
Brighton – Race Hill – Woodingdean

Brighton & Hove Bus Company Service 24 (Contract 7821)
Brighton – Coldean – Hollingbury

Brighton & Hove Bus Company Service 26 (Contract 7812)
Brighton – Hollingbury - Coldean

Brighton & Hove Bus Company Service 27 (Contracts 7813)
Brighton Station – Rottingdean – Saltdean

Brighton & Hove Bus Company Service 27 (Contracts 7823)
Brighton - Westdene

Brighton & Hove Bus Company Service 81A (Contract 7824)
Brighton Station – Queens Park – Open Market

OTHER SHORT TERM DE-MINIMIS CONTRACTS

All of these contracts are currently operated by Brighton & Hove Bus and Coach Company

Contract 9814 Service 72
Whitehawk – Woodingdean – Longhill School

Departs Whitehawk 7.49am

Departs Longhill School 2.50pm

Schooldays only. Service funded by School Admissions & Transport

Service 81 (Contract 7830)
Open Market – Queens Park – City Centre – Goldstone Valley

Via Western Road & Shirley Drive

Diversion of route to serve King George VI Drive and the top of Woodland Avenue.

Monday to Saturday daytimes

Brighton & Hove Bus Company Service 84 (Contract 7835)
Universities – Woodingdean – Whitehawk
Service operates Monday- Friday

(Section B: Other Short Term De-Minimis Contracts - continued)

BREEZE UP TO THE DOWNS SERVICES

These services provide people with easy access to the nearby South Downs, and help reduce congestion and pollution by providing an alternative to driving to these popular locations. The services also receive funding from the National Trust.

Contract 2870 Service 77

**Brighton Seafront – Devil’s Dyke via Brighton Station and Dyke Road.
Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays throughout the year. In July and August service 77 runs daily, with an open top bus.**

Contract 2871 Service 78

**Old Steine – Stanmer Village via Brighton Station and Lewes Road.
Sundays and Public Holidays during autumn and winter: also Saturdays during spring and summer.**

Contract 2872 Service 79

**Old Steine – Ditchling Beacon via Brighton Station and Ditchling Road.
Sundays and Public Holidays during autumn and winter: also Saturdays during spring and summer.**

**SECTION C. Bus Contracts Paid For By Brighton & Hove City Council
(July 2011)**

Contract number	Bus Route Number	Route Description	Days per week	Subsidy per single passenger journey
7830	81	Open Market - Queens Park - Goldstone Valley	Monday - Saturday	£0.03
2887	81A	Brighton Station - Meadowview	Sundays and Public Holidays	£0.14
2888	81C	Old Steine - Goldstone Valley	Sundays and Public Holidays	£0.24
7832	16/66	Portslade - Knoll Estate - Hangleton - Sainsbury's	Monday - Saturday	£0.30
2886	81A	Brighton Station - Meadowview	Monday - Saturday	£0.36
2870	77***	Seafront - Devil's Dyke	Sats, Suns & PHs (all year). Daily (High Summer)	£0.54
7821	24	Hollingbury - Coldean - Lewes Road - City Centre	Winter Sunday evenings	£0.63
2885	81	Old Steine - Goldstone Valley	Monday - Saturday	£0.73
2883	76	Saltdean Vale - Longhill School	Schooldays	£0.79
2892	95A	Foredown Drive - Cardinal Newman School	Schooldays	£0.83
2876	47 **	Brighton Station - East Saltdean	Monday - Saturday	£0.90
2878	56	Knoll Estate - Patcham	Monday - Saturday	£0.91
2877	52	Woodingdean - Brighton Station/ C Newman Sch	Monday - Saturday	£0.95
9814	72 *	Whitehawk - Woodingdean - Longhill School	Schooldays	£0.96
2884	76A **	Peacehaven - Longhill Sch	Schooldays	£1.04
2875	21	Marina - Race Hill - London Rd/ Station	Monday - Saturday evenings	£1.04
7810	22	Churchill Square - Woodingdean	Winter Sunday evenings	£1.10
7823	27	Westdene - Brighton Station	Winter Sunday evenings	£1.15

Contract number	Bus Route Number	Route Description	Days per week	Subsidy per single passenger journey
7812	26	Hove - Open Market - Hollingbury - Coldean	Winter Sunday evenings	£1.17
2891	95	Burwash Road - Cardinal Newman School	Schooldays	£1.21
2882	75	Lower Bevendean - Patcham Schools	Schooldays	£1.22
2881	74	Lewes Road - Patcham Schools	Schooldays	£1.28
2879	57 **	Brighton Station - East Saltdean	Sundays and Public Holidays	£1.31
7824	81A	Meadowview - Lewes Rd - Old Steine	Winter Sunday evenings	£1.32
7813	27	Brighton Station - Rottingdean - Saltdean	Winter Sunday evenings	£1.40
7835	84	Sussex Univ - Woodingdean - RSCH - Whitehawk	Monday - Friday	£1.55
2872	79***	Old Steine - Ditchling Beacon	Suns & PHs (all year) Sats (summer)	£1.75
2871	78***	Old Steine - Stanmer Village	Suns & PHs (all year) Sats (summer)	£1.96
2893	96	Carden Avenue - Blatchington Mill School	Schooldays	£2.00
2880	37B	Bristol Estate - Brighton Stn - Southover St - Lewes Rd	Monday - Saturday	£2.30
7809	21B	Churchill Square - Queens Park - Marina	Winter Sunday evenings	£3.33
2895	91	Coombe Road - Hollingdean - Cardinal Newman Sch	Schooldays	£4.10

* Service funded by School Admissions & Transport

** Additionally funded by East Sussex County Council

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