

EXECUTIVE CABINET

THURSDAY, 17TH MARCH 2016, 6.00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, CHORLEY

With consent of the Chair the following item has been added to the agenda.

AGENDA

11 **BUS SERVICES**

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Report of the Chief Executive

GARY HALL
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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Report of	Meeting	Date
Chief Executive (Introduced by Executive Leader and Executive Member for Economic Development and Partnerships)	Executive Cabinet	17 March 2016

BUS SERVICES

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To update Members and seek ratification of a commitment made by the Executive Leader in respect of funding allocated to mitigating the impact of Lancashire County Council budget reductions to support bus services in the Borough.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

2. That Members resolve to support and approve the commitment given by the Executive Leader in respect of services 24a and 109a currently servicing the Chorley area.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REPORT

3. In the most recent budget, a sum of £500k was set aside to mitigate the impact on the Chorley area and residents of reduction in Lancashire County Council budgets. The money is intended as short term financing in order to give time and space to find sustainable solutions to issues arising from the reductions. In relation to bus services, decision has already been made that mean from the 3 April a number of services will be cut or reduced.
4. In response to the reductions discussions have been taking place with County colleagues to find short term solutions, that enable time to find longer term solutions and a decision in relation to two services, the 24a and 109a have been made on that basis. The details of those routes and tender specification are attached at Appendix A.

Confidential report Please bold as appropriate	Yes	No
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Key Decision? Please bold as appropriate	Yes	No
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Reason Please bold as appropriate	1, a change in service provision that impacts upon the service revenue budget by £100,000 or more	2, a contract worth £100,000 or more
	3, a new or unprogrammed capital scheme of £100,000 or more	4, Significant impact in environmental, social or physical terms in two or more wards

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

(If the recommendations are accepted)

- 5. To progress a set of options to mitigate the impact on local services of Lancashire County Council budget reductions.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

- 6. None

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- 7. This report relates to the following Strategic Objectives:

Involving residents in improving their local area and equality of access for all		A strong local economy	
Clean, safe and healthy communities		An ambitious council that does more to meet the needs of residents and the local area	✓

BACKGROUND

- 8. Set out at Appendix B is a copy of a recent report and decision made by the Cabinet member for highways and transport at Lancashire County Council.
- 9. The report details the reasons for looking to continue the 24a and 109a bus services and sets out financing agreement based upon a 70/30% split of costs, which has been agreed.
- 10. Subsequent to that decision being made the tender prices have been received and the successful tenderer, Stagecoach have identified a subsidy of 42,663 per annum for the service. On this basis for six months the subsidy will be circa £21k and Chorley Council will be required to find £15k of this. There is also an option to renew if required.
- 11. During the six month period we will monitor usage and work to determine the reasons for and profile of trips made to see if any alternative models of delivery exist that may be self-sustaining. This will enable a decision to be made within the next six months on the sustainability of the two services.

IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT

- 12. This report has implications in the following areas and the relevant Directors' comments are included:

Finance		Customer Services	
Human Resources		Equality and Diversity	
Legal		No significant implications in this area	

COMMENTS OF THE STATUTORY FINANCE OFFICER

- 13. A sum of £500k was set aside in the 2016/17 budget for items of this nature, the subsidy of £21k will be taken from the budget.

COMMENTS OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

14. Given the urgency of this matter the approach of ratifying the Executive Leaders commitment is appropriate. The issue needed an immediate commitment in order to protect these bus services. A fund had been set aside precisely for the reason of supporting services that were being adversely affected by LCC cuts. The use of this fund is appropriate and whilst not wholly in accordance with standard decision making processes the approval of the commitment to fund the subsidies is reasonable in all the circumstances.

GARY HALL
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

There are no background papers to this report.

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COMMENCING 3 APRIL 2016

CHORLEY - BRINSCALL - ABBEY VILLAGE

24A

via Eaves Lane - Lower Wheelton
MONDAY TO SATURDAY

Service Number	24A	24A	24A
	\$	\$	\$
CHORLEY Interchange	2035	2205	2330
CHORLEY Eaves Lane	2042	2212	2337
LOWER WHEELTON Red Lion	2050	2220	2345
BRINSCALL Council Offices	2055	2225	2350
ABBAY VILLAGE Hare & Hounds	2058	2228	2353

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BLACKBURN - ABBEY VILLAGE - BRINSCALL - CHORLEY

24A

via Lower Wheelton - Eaves Lane
MONDAY TO SATURDAY

Service Number	24A	24A	24A
	\$	\$	\$
BLACKBURN Bus Station	1912	-----	-----
FENISCOWLES Feildens Arms	1923	-----	-----
ABBAY VILLAGE Hare & Hounds	1930	2100	2230
BRINSCALL Council Offices	1935	2105	2235
LOWER WHEELTON Red Lion	1940	2110	2240
CHORLEY Eaves Lane	1947	2117	2247
CHORLEY Interchange arr.	1953	2123	2253

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CHORLEY - CHORLEY HOSPITAL - CHORLEY

109A

via Astley Village
MONDAY TO SATURDAY

Service Number	109A	109A	109A
	\$	\$	\$
CHORLEY Interchange	1958	2128	2258
EUXTON Tesco	2005	2135	2305
ASTLEY VILLAGE Chancery Road	2008	2138	2308
CHORLEY Hospital	2013	2143	2313
ASTLEY VILLAGE Chancery Road	2018	2148	2318
EUXTON Tesco	2021	2151	2321
CHORLEY Interchange	2029	2159	2329

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No Service - Christmas Day, Boxing Day or New Years Day.

Sunday Service operates on Good Friday, Easter Monday, May Day, Spring Holiday, Summer Holiday or any replacement holiday for these.

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CHORLEY - BRINSCALL - BLACKBURN

24A

via Lower Wheelton - Abbey Village
SUNDAY AND BANK HOLIDAYS

Service Number	24A	24A	24A	24A	24A	24A	24A	24A	24A	24A	24A
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
CHORLEY Interchange	0925	1025	1125	1225	1325	1425	1525	1625	1725	1825	1925
CHORLEY Eaves Lane	0932	1032	1132	1232	1332	1432	1532	1632	1732	1832	1932
LOWER WHEELTON Red Lion	0940	1040	1140	1240	1340	1440	1540	1640	1740	1840	1940
BRINSCALL Council Offices	0945	1045	1145	1245	1345	1445	1545	1645	1745	1845	1945
ABBEY VILLAGE School	0948	1048	1148	1248	1348	1448	1548	1648	1748	1848	1948
FENISCOWLES Feildens Arms	0955	1055	1155	1255	1355	1455	1555	1655	1755	1855	-----
BLACKBURN Bus Station	1004	1104	1204	1304	1404	1504	1604	1704	1804	1904	-----

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BLACKBURN - BRINSCALL - CHORLEY

24A

via Abbey Village - Lower Wheelton
SUNDAY AND BANK HOLIDAYS

Service Number	24A	24A	24A	24A	24A	24A	24A	24A	24A	24A	24A
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
BLACKBURN Bus Station	-----	1007	1107	1207	1307	1407	1507	1607	1707	1807	1907
FENISCOWLES Feildens Arms	-----	1018	1118	1218	1318	1418	1518	1618	1718	1818	1918
ABBEY VILLAGE Post Office	0925	1025	1125	1225	1325	1425	1525	1625	1725	1825	1925
BRINSCALL Council Offices	0930	1030	1130	1230	1330	1430	1530	1630	1730	1830	1930
LOWER WHEELTON Red Lion	0935	1035	1135	1235	1335	1435	1535	1635	1735	1835	1935
CHORLEY Eaves Lane	0942	1042	1142	1242	1342	1442	1542	1642	1742	1842	1942
CHORLEY Interchange	0948	1048	1148	1248	1348	1448	1548	1648	1748	1848	1948

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CHORLEY - CHORLEY HOSPITAL - CHORLEY

109A

via Astley Village
SUNDAY

Service Number	109A	109A	109A	109A	109A	109A	109A	109A	109A	109A	109A
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
CHORLEY Interchange	0950	1050	1150	1250	1350	1450	1550	1650	1750	1850	1950
EUXTON Tesco	0957	1057	1157	1257	1357	1457	1557	1657	-----	-----	-----
ASTLEY VILLAGE Chancery Road	1000	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	1600	1700	1800	1900	2000
CHORLEY Hospital	1005	1105	1205	1305	1405	1505	1605	1705	1805	1905	-----
ASTLEY VILLAGE Chancery Road	1010	1110	1210	1310	1410	1510	1610	1710	1810	1910	-----
EUXTON Tesco	1013	1113	1213	1313	1413	1513	1613	1713	-----	-----	-----
CHORLEY Interchange	1021	1121	1221	1321	1421	1521	1621	1721	1821	1921	-----

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SERVICE: 24A CHORLEY – BRINSCALL – ABBEY VILLAGE – BLACKBURN
109A CHORLEY – ASTLEY VILLAGE – CHORLEY HOSPITAL

The specification for the route is detailed below:

1. ROUTE DESCRIPTION.

SERVICE 24A

CHORLEY Interchange, Clifford Street, Clifford Street (A6), Shepherds Way, Brook Street, Eaves Lane, Botany Brow, Blackburn Brow, GREAT KNOWLEY, Blackburn Road, B6228, Blackburn New Road, A674, LOWER WHEELTON, Blackburn Road, Victoria Street, Blackburn Road, A674, HIGHER WHEELTON, Bett Lane, Buckholes Lane, BRINSCALL, School Lane, Railway Road, WITHNELL, Norcross Brow, Twistmoor Lane, Dole Lane, ABBEY VILLAGE, Bolton Road, A675, A674, Finnington Lane, Moulden Brow, FENISCOWLES roundabout, Preston Old Road, Redlam, Bank Top, BLACKBURN, Whalley Banks, King Street, Montague Street, Feilden Street, Cardwell Place, Astley Gate, Higher Church Street, Darwen Street, Jubilee Street, Railway Road, Salford, Penny Street and Brown Street to BLACKBURN Bus Station.

From BLACKBURN Bus Station via Brown Street, Ainsworth Street, Richmond Terrace, Exchange Street, King William Street, Simmons Street, Alma Street, St.Paul's Street, Montague Street, King Street then reverse of outward route to CHORLEY Interchange.

SERVICE 109A

From CHORLEY Interchange via Clifford Street, Clifford Street (A6), Union Street, St.Thomas' Road, Southport Road, Foxhole Road, certain journeys additionally serve Tesco Superstore and internal road back to Foxhole Road, Westway, ASTLEY VILLAGE, Chancery Road, Euxton Lane and internal road to CHORLEY Hospital Main Entrance.

Returning from CHORLEY Hospital Main Entrance via internal road, Euxton Lane, ASTLEY VILLAGE, Chancery Road, Westway, Southport Road, certain journeys additionally serve Foxhole Road, EUXTON Tesco Superstore, internal road and Foxhole Road back to Southport Road, CHORLEY, St.Thomas' Road, Union Street, Clifford Street and Chapel Street to CHORLEY Interchange.

* - Hail and Ride applies on these and all rural roads.

2. VARIATIONS TO ROUTE.

None, except as required by road closures and emergencies.

3. VARIATIONS ON DEMAND - None.

4. TERMINUS/LAYOVER POINTS - As per timetable.

5. REVERSING/TURNING MANOEUVRES –

At Chorley Interchange – reverse off stand.

At Abbey Village Hare & Hounds – turn on dedicated turning area at junction.

At Chorley Hospital – turn on dedicated roundabout.

6. STOPS USED ON LIMITED STOP SERVICES – Not Applicable.

7. STOPPING ARRANGEMENTS.

The service will observe all recognised bus stops on line of route and observe any Hail & Ride sections if detailed on the Route Description.

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8. VEHICLE SPECIFICATION.

Category E (DDA LOW FLOOR PSV : Maximum Age – 15 years)
Minimum Seating Capacity – 23 Seats

Vehicles must be fitted with variable electronic destination blinds, with the ability to scroll
Vehicles must be fitted with CCTV

9. ROUTE DESTINATION TO BE SHOWN.

24A Blackburn via Eaves Lane, Wheelton, Brinscall, Abbey Village, Feniscowles

24A Chorley via Feniscowles, Abbey Village, Brinscall, Wheelton, Eaves Lane

24A Abbey Village via Eaves Lane, Wheelton, Brinscall

24A Chorley via Brinscall, Wheelton, Eaves Lane

109A Chorley Hospital via Astley Village

109A Chorley via Astley Village

For electronic destination blinds, the Service Number and Destination must always be on **bold** display with all 'via' options as a continuous scroll.

10. TICKET MACHINE.

An Electronic Ticket Machine and Smart Card Reader, approved by the County Council, must to be used on this contract.

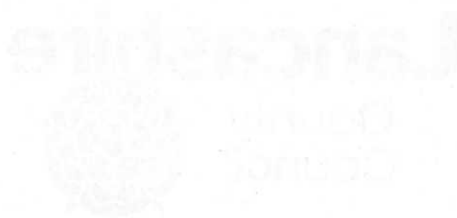
11. DEPARTURE CHARGES.

Please note all departure charges from Chorley Interchange are to be met by the operator.

TENDER FOR THE PROVISION OF A LOCAL BUS SERVICE

This contract will be operated in accordance with the Service Agreement for the Local and School Bus Service Framework

Contract Number:	09/024
Service Number(s):	24A, 109A
Tender Details:	CHORLEY – ABBEY VILLAGE – BLACKBURN CHORLEY – ASTLEY VILLAGE – CHORLEY HOSPITAL
Date of Commencement:	4 APRIL 2016
Period of Contract:	6 months until 1 OCTOBER 2016 with an option to renew if mutually acceptable on the same terms and conditions for a further period such that the contract length shall not exceed 8 years.
Reason for Tender:	Contract Renewal – Revised Schedules
Days of Operation:	Monday to Saturday
Estimated number of days of operation per annum:	304
Estimated live mileage per annum:	43,500
Estimated revenue per annum:	£35,000
(this figure includes Concessionary Reimbursement)	
Estimated number of passengers:	35,000
Vehicles to be used:	Category E (DDA LOW FLOOR PSV : Maximum Age – 15 years) Minimum Seating Capacity – 23 Seats
	Vehicles must be fitted with variable electronic destination blinds, with the ability to scroll Vehicles must be fitted with CCTV
Ticket Machine:	An Electronic Ticket Machine and Smart Card Reader, approved by the Authority, must to be used on this contract.
Route Detail:	Refer to Schedule A
Timetable:	Refer to Schedule B
Faretable:	Refer to Schedule C (to be confirmed)
Bus Station Charges:	Refer to Schedule D



This contract will be awarded in accordance with the Service Agreement for the Local and District Bus Services Contract.

Contract Number	GW02A
Service Number(s)	24A, 100A
Tender Details	CHORLEY - ASTLEY VILLAGE - CHORLEY HOSPITAL CHORLEY - ABBEY VILLAGE - BLACKBURN
Date of Commencement	1 APRIL 2016
Period of Contract	1 year until 31 OCTOBER 2016 with an option to renew it mutually subject to the terms and conditions for a further period such that the contract length shall not exceed 8 years
Refer to Tender	Contract Reference - R01000000000000000000
Days of Operation	Monday to Sunday
Estimated number of days of operation per contract year	365
Estimated number of vehicles to be used	20
Estimated number of passengers per year	100,000
Category of (L) or (H) or (F) or (P) or (M) or (A) or (S) or (J) or (K) or (L) or (M) or (N) or (O) or (P) or (Q) or (R) or (S) or (T) or (U) or (V) or (W) or (X) or (Y) or (Z) or (AA) or (AB) or (AC) or (AD) or (AE) or (AF) or (AG) or (AH) or (AI) or (AJ) or (AK) or (AL) or (AM) or (AN) or (AO) or (AP) or (AQ) or (AR) or (AS) or (AT) or (AU) or (AV) or (AW) or (AX) or (AY) or (AZ) or (BA) or (BB) or (BC) or (BD) or (BE) or (BF) or (BG) or (BH) or (BI) or (BJ) or (BK) or (BL) or (BM) or (BN) or (BO) or (BP) or (BQ) or (BR) or (BS) or (BT) or (BU) or (BV) or (BW) or (BX) or (BY) or (BZ) or (CA) or (CB) or (CC) or (CD) or (CE) or (CF) or (CG) or (CH) or (CI) or (CJ) or (CK) or (CL) or (CM) or (CN) or (CO) or (CP) or (CQ) or (CR) or (CS) or (CT) or (CU) or (CV) or (CW) or (CX) or (CY) or (CZ) or (DA) or (DB) or (DC) or (DD) or (DE) or (DF) or (DG) or (DH) or (DI) or (DJ) or (DK) or (DL) or (DM) or (DN) or (DO) or (DP) or (DQ) or (DR) or (DS) or (DT) or (DU) or (DV) or (DW) or (DX) or (DY) 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Appendix B

Report to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport
Report submitted by: Head of Legal and Democratic Services
Date: 8 March 2016

Part I

Electoral Divisions affected:
All in Chorley

Bus Service Replacement Proposals in Chorley District

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Executive Summary

This report relates to representations made to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport by Chorley Councillors regarding the future of services 24a and 109a in the Chorley District which were due to cease on 2 April 2016.

This is deemed to be a Key Decision and the provisions of Standing Order 27 have been complied with.

The Director of Financial Resources has determined that the proposed decision is outside the Budget set by Full Council and therefore the provisions of Standing Order 29(1) have been complied with.

Recommendation

The Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport is asked to approve the proposals set out in the report for a period of six months from 3 April 2016, subject to the satisfactory conclusion of discussions with Chorley Borough Council on the funding of the services as set out in the report.

This decision should be implemented immediately for the purposes of Standing Order 34(3) as any delay could adversely affect the execution of the County Council's responsibilities. The reason for this is to ensure that the proposed bus services are in place from 3 April 2016.

Background and Advice

The Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport has received representations from Chorley Councillors regarding the future of services 24a and 109a in the Chorley District which were due to cease on 2 April 2016.

Having given careful consideration to the representations received and to the comments made particularly around the need to maintain vital employment and education connections, the Cabinet Member proposes to restore the evening and Sunday daytime bus services to accommodate the 24A and 109A routes.

Service 24A operates between Chorley and Blackburn via Wheelton, Brinscall, Withnell and Abbey Village. This service was previously cost shared with Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council, which withdrew its contribution in April 2015.

Service 109A operates between Chorley and Chorley Hospital via Astley Village.

The Monday to Saturday daytime service on these routes is currently operated on a commercial basis by Transdev Lancashire United (24A) and Stagecoach in Lancashire (109A).

Discussions have taken place with Chorley Borough Council and, subject to final confirmation, it is proposed that the funding of the services will be for six months on the basis of a split with 70% from Chorley Borough Council and 30% from Lancashire County Council.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management and Financial

Should all the recommendations of the Cabinet Working Group on Bus Services, set out in a separate report, be approved, it is estimated that £100,000 of the £2m budget to support parish and community based transport provision will remain. It is proposed, subject to confirmation of the outcome of discussions with Chorley Borough Council, to use some of this remaining budget to fund the County Council's proposed 30% contribution to the funding of the services set out in this report.

The Director of Financial Resources has also determined that the proposed decision is outside the budget set by Full Council on the basis that the proposal to reintroduce a number of subsidised bus services cannot be regarded as being consistent with the £2m budget to "support parish and community transport" (BOP 041 as revised). The provisions of Standing Order 29(1) have therefore been complied with.

Procurement

A framework agreement is in place for the procurement of Local and School Bus Services in Lancashire. All contracts will be procured under this Framework by mini-competitions.

List of Background Papers

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