



PUBLIC TRANSPORT CONTRACT CHANGES IN THE INVERNESS AREA FROM 24 APRIL 2017

Highland Council's public transport contracts have been renewed from 24 April 2017 (except in Sutherland where new contracts were awarded in 2015). While we are pleased to have been able to retain the same level of service on the majority of routes, due to financial constraints it has been necessary to make service reductions on some routes, and some contracts have been withdrawn. Many routes will be operated by different contractors.

Many bus routes in the Highlands are operated commercially; this means that bus companies run these routes without financial support from the Council. The Council awards contracts for services which are not provided commercially.

The table on the next pages lists all the Council's new public transport contracts in the Inverness area.

For further information, please contact the operators of the routes you are interested in, or contact the Council's Transport Co-ordination Unit at public.transport@highland.gov.uk or on 01463 252951.

Contract number	Route description	Current contractor (until 23 April 2017)	Contractor from 24 April 2017	Summary of changes	Change of contractor
100	Inverness Sheltered Housing Shoppers' Service (Fri)	D & E Coaches Ltd	D & E Coaches Ltd	Unchanged	NO
104	Milton of Leys - Millburn Academy	Stagecoach North Scotland	Stagecoach North Scotland	Unchanged	NO
105	Inverness City Centre - Kinmylies (evenings)	Stagecoach North Scotland	Stagecoach North Scotland	Minor changes	NO
108	Scorguie - Raigmore Hospital - Inverness Retail Park (Tue & Fri)	D & E Coaches Ltd	D & E Coaches Ltd	Eastern part of route withdrawn as it is not used.	NO
200	Newtonmore - Aviemore - Grantown - Inverness	Stagecoach North Scotland	Stagecoach North Scotland	Minor variations from present service	NO
255	Diversion of commercial Inverness - Nairn service to Ardersier	Stagecoach North Scotland	Stagecoach North Scotland	Unchanged	NO
300	Inverness - Tomatin - Coignafearn	D & E Coaches Ltd	Stagecoach North Scotland	Milton of Leys omitted; minor timing changes	YES
301	Whitebridge - Inverness	Stagecoach North Scotland	D & E Coaches Ltd	Unchanged	YES
302	Foyers - Inverness	Stagecoach North Scotland	D & E Coaches Ltd	Some timing changes to allow 4.5 day school week	YES
303	Inverness - Whitebridge off-peak	Stagecoach North Scotland	D & E Coaches Ltd	Minor changes	YES
304	Tomich - Inverness via Drumnadrochit	Stagecoach North Scotland	D & E Coaches Ltd	Current 304 and 305 merged, with changes to allow 4.5 day school weeks.	YES
305	Tomich - Glen Urquhart High School	Stagecoach North Scotland	n/a - see notes and above.	Merged with 304; Balnain Primary School journeys transferred to 308. Otherwise unchanged	YES
306	Cannich - Inverness (Saturday evenings)	Ross's Mini Buses	None	Service withdrawn	YES
307	Beauly - Hughton - Inverness	D & E Coaches Ltd	D & E Coaches Ltd	Unchanged	NO

308	Tomich - Strathglass - Dingwall/Inverness	Ross's Mini Buses	Ross's Mini Buses	Tomich (Tues) and Marybank (Mon/Wed) journeys merged into a combined Mon/Wed service, giving Tomich an additional day. Cannich Bridge and Balnain Primary School journeys added.	NO
310	Kiltarlity - Foxhole - Inverness (Fridays)	Ross's Mini Buses	None	Service withdrawn - but 308 to be re-routed to partially replace it	YES
311	Cabrich - Foxhole - Kiltarlity - Dingwall (Saturdays)	Ross's Mini Buses	Ross's Mini Buses	Unchanged	NO
312	Fort Augustus - Drumnadrochit + Cannich - Inverness	Stagecoach North Scotland	Stagecoach North Scotland	Fort Augustus journey replaced by new Stagecoach Fort William - Inverness service. Minor timing changes for Cannich journeys.	NO
400	Inverness - Kiltarlity - Dingwall (evenings)	Stagecoach North Scotland	Being retendered	Partially replaced by Stagecoach commercial journeys. Contract to be awarded for remainder.	YES
410	Cromarty - Inverness - Croy (evenings)	Stagecoach North Scotland	D & E Coaches Ltd	Stagecoach will retain some journeys commercially. Contract will provide the remainder. Timing change for Croy.	YES
513	Fort William – Inverness (early morning & evening)	Stagecoach North Scotland	Shiel Buses Ltd	Unchanged	YES