

## Transport Information Summary – Ward 21 – Badenoch & Strathspey

1. Information for the Badenoch & Strathspey area.
2. All bus services in the area are operated under contract to The Highland Council, except for the Scottish Citylink services which pass through the area along the A9 corridor.
3. The Highland Council's overall spending in the area for school, public and dial-a-bus services is close to £1.2million. The sum spent on public transport and those services which are a mix of public/school transport is over £814,000.
4. Significant public transport contracts include:
  - Dalfaber – Cairngorm
  - Aviemore – Grantown - Inverness
  - Newtonmore - Carrbridge
  - Grantown area dial-a-bus.
5. The Highland Council also funds Badenoch & Strathspey Community Transport Company at £40,000 annually.
6. Issues are:
  - Pattern and capacity are largely determined by school requirements. There are very few small buses available to do off-peak work between school runs.
  - Main routes generally work as a network but historically it has been difficult to attract competition for them.
  - Future demand for transport to new hospital in Aviemore.
7. It is intended to have new contracts in place on 1 January 2017. Key steps in the process are:
  - Member consultation
  - Community consultation
  - Supplier Briefings and Public Contracts Scotland tender/auction training
  - Routes and Specifications development
  - Tender phase
  - Highland Council Committee and Project Partner approvals
  - Award process
  - Contract implementation