

Transport Information Summary – Ward 19 – Nairn

1. Information for Nairn ward plus Cawdor area, i.e. Nairn Associated School Group area.
2. The main bus services through the area (Stagecoach Services 10 & 11) are operated commercially. Contracts funded by The Highland Council provide the remaining services.
3. The Highland Council's overall spending in the area for school, public and dial-a-bus services is £425,000. The sum spent on public transport and those services which are a mix of public/school transport is £184,000.
4. Significant public transport contracts include:
 - Nairnshire dial-a-bus
 - Nairn town service (Tradespark / High Street / Hospital / Boath Park / Lochloy)
 - Cawdor – Nairn (principally a school bus but tendered as a public service)
5. The Highland Council also funds Nairn Community Transport (up to £6,250.00 annually).
6. Issues are:
 - Nairnshire dial-a-bus is at full capacity for one vehicle. There has been demand for it to cover Nairn town and the Nairn – Ardersier route, but this is only possible at the cost of reducing the service in its existing area.
 - Nairn town service was previously funded from a developer contribution. It is not currently budgeted for but is reasonably well used, and there is demand for a service later in the day.
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