

Transport Information Summary

Wards 14-17 – Inverness West, Inverness Central, Inverness Ness-side, and Inverness Millburn

1. Information for Inverness City excluding Culloden area.
2. All the main bus services in the city are operated commercially, except for the evening service on the west side of the city. There are two other niche contracts giving infrequent services to locations off the main bus routes. In the past there have been developer contributions (from supermarkets, major housing developments and SNH) to enhance the urban bus network but there are currently no developer-funded services. Rural services entering the city are a mix of commercial and contracts funded by The Highland Council.
3. The Highland Council's overall spending for school and public bus services in Inverness City is £101,000. The sum spent on dedicated public transport is £39,000.
4. For comparison, The Highland Council's overall spend for the whole of the Inverness area, including the rural wards, is over £1.9million. The sum spent on public transport and those services which are a mix of public/school transport is over £820,000.
5. 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