



PUBLIC TRANSPORT CONTRACT CHANGES 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to financial constraints it has been necessary to make service reductions on some routes, and some contracts have been withdrawn.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.

This table lists all the Council's new public transport contracts. It does **not** show contracts in Sutherland as there are no changes to these, except for 815 and 916 as noted below, which are partly in Sutherland.

Some routes are awarded as school transport contracts but the operators choose to make these open to the public. These are **not** shown in this table.

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- Raigmore Hospital - Inverness Retail Park (Tue & Fri)	D & E Coaches Ltd	D & E Coaches Ltd	Eastern part of route withdrawn as it is not used.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
201	Aviemore - Grantown	Stagecoach North Scotland	Stagecoach North Scotland	Minor variations from present service	NO

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203	Tormore - Grantown-on-Spey	Stagecoach North Scotland	Stagecoach North Scotland	Minor variations from present service	NO
206	Dalwhinnie / Laggan – Kingussie HS & Aviemore – Cairngorm	Stagecoach North Scotland	Stagecoach North Scotland	Minor variations from present service	NO
207	Glenmore – Kingussie HS & Newtonmore – Carrbridge	Stagecoach North Scotland	Stagecoach North Scotland	Minor variations from present service	NO
210	Aviemore – Carrbridge – Grantown-on-Spey (school journeys)	Stagecoach North Scotland	Stagecoach North Scotland	Minor variations from present service	NO
251	Hardmuir - Nairn Academy and Nairn town service	D & E Coaches Ltd	D & E Coaches Ltd	Unchanged	NO
252	Cawdor - Nairn	D & E Coaches Ltd	D & E Coaches Ltd	Unchanged	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

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306	Cannich - Inverness (Saturday evenings)	Ross's Mini Buses	None	Service withdrawn	YES
307	Beaully - 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
404	Cromarty - Culbokie – Dingwall Academy	Stagecoach North Scotland	D & E Coaches Ltd	Unchanged	YES

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405	Fortrose/Cromarty - Culbokie - Dingwall	Stagecoach North Scotland	D & E Coaches Ltd	Similar to present service, but replaces demand-responsive element with scheduled service for both sides of Black Isle on different days.	YES
408	Inverness - Culbokie - Resolis	Stagecoach North Scotland	D & E Coaches Ltd	Route extended to include Easter Kinkell	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
413	Tain - Arabella via Balintore	Stagecoach North Scotland	Stagecoach North Scotland	Similar to present service but retimed to connect with altered Service 25X, and to provide for school 4.5 day week	NO
416	Tain - Portmahomack	Stagecoach North Scotland	Stagecoach North Scotland	Similar to present service but provides for 4.5 day school week. Also includes two Tain - Nigg journeys	NO
417	Milton - Tain (school journeys)	Stagecoach North Scotland	Stagecoach North Scotland	Rerouted via Hill of Fearn (from Jan 2017)	NO
500	Acharacle/Mallaig - Fort William via Lochailort	Shiel Buses Ltd	Shiel Buses Ltd	Unchanged	NO
501	Arisaig – Mallaig	Shiel Buses Ltd	Shiel Buses Ltd	Unchanged	NO
503	Acharacle - Lochailort	Shiel Buses Ltd	None	Service withdrawn	YES

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506	Kilchoan - Fort William	Shiel Buses Ltd	Shiel Buses Ltd	Retimed to provide for afternoon school needs	NO
507	Drimnin - Lochaline - Fort William	Shiel Buses Ltd	Shiel Buses Ltd	Friday service to Fort William withdrawn in order to allow for school 4.5 day week. Saturday (summer) service withdrawn.	NO
509	Kinlochleven - Fort William (evenings)	Stagecoach North Scotland	Stagecoach North Scotland	Unchanged	NO
510	Invergarry/Roy Bridge - Fort William	Stagecoach North Scotland	Shiel Buses Ltd	Reduced to school journeys only - other journeys provided in Contract 512	YES
512	Gairloch - Achnacarry - Fort William	Shiel Buses Ltd	Stagecoach North Scotland	Enhanced to provide off-peak Roy Bridge - Fort William service (enables use of smaller bus)	YES
513	Fort William – Inverness (early morning & evening)	Stagecoach North Scotland	Shiel Buses Ltd	Unchanged	YES
514	Fort William town service (evenings)	Stagecoach North Scotland	Stagecoach North Scotland	Unchanged	NO
515	Fort William - Plantation Inverlochty - Claggan	Stagecoach North Scotland	Shiel Buses Ltd	Unchanged	YES
517	Upper Achintore-Lochaber High School	Stagecoach North Scotland	Shiel Buses Ltd	Unchanged	YES
518	Fort William School Services	Stagecoach North Scotland	Shiel Buses Ltd	Unchanged	YES
521	Upper Achintore & Plantation - Caol (school journeys)	Stagecoach North Scotland	Shiel Buses Ltd	Unchanged	YES

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522	Treslaig - Fort William via Kinlocheil	Shiel Buses Ltd	Shiel Buses Ltd	School journeys unchanged. Other journeys reduced to Tuesdays and Thursdays.	NO
528	Camusnagaul - Ardnamurchan High School	Shiel Buses Ltd	Shiel Buses Ltd	Unchanged	NO
600	Ardvasar / Torrin to Portree (School journeys)	Stagecoach North Scotland	Stagecoach North Scotland	Unchanged	NO
601	Armadaile - Kyle / Portree (winter)	Maclean Coaches	None	Service withdrawn	YES
602	Portree - Flodigarry Circular	Stagecoach North Scotland	Ali's Taxis	School 4.5 day week provided for; otherwise unchanged	YES
604	Glendale - Portree via Dunvegan & Edinbane	Stagecoach North Scotland	Stagecoach North Scotland	School 4.5 day week provided for; otherwise unchanged	NO
607	Fiscavaig - Portree (Portree High School journeys)	Stagecoach North Scotland	Stagecoach North Scotland	School 4.5 day week provided for; otherwise unchanged	NO
608	Fiscavaig - Carbost - Portree	Murdo Macdonald	Being retendered	Intended to retain unchanged, subject to retender	YES
610	Portree - Peinchorran	Stagecoach North Scotland	Ali's Taxis	Reduced to school journeys only	YES
612	Glasnakille - Elgol - Broadford - Kyle	Stagecoach North Scotland	Ali's Taxis	Additional summer journeys withdrawn. Saturday service withdrawn. Present winter service unchanged - operates all year.	YES

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619	Dunvegan - Struan - Portree (Tuesdays)	Ali's Taxis	None	Service withdrawn	YES
700	Gairloch - Inverness via Braemore Junction + Laide - Inverness via Kinlochewe	Westerbus	Westerbus	Unchanged	NO
702	Strathcarron - Torridon	DMK Motors	DMK Motors	Unchanged	NO
704	Applecross - Lochcarron - Inverness	Lochcarron Garage	Being retendered	Being retendered - likely to be a reduced number of days per week	YES
705	Shieldaig - Gairloch	Westerbus	Westerbus	Unchanged	NO
707	Gairloch - Ullapool (Thursdays)	Westerbus	Graham Nash	Unchanged	YES
711	Poolewe - Dingwall (Wednesdays)	Westerbus	Westerbus	Unchanged	NO
712	Arnisdale - Glenelg - Kyle	Macrae Kintail	Macrae Kintail	Reduced to 3 days per week (1 day to Arnisdale) and some timing changes	NO
713	Kyle of Lochalsh – Plockton (Fridays)	Macrae Kintail	Macrae Kintail	Unchanged	NO
811	Achiltibuie - Ullapool	D & E Coaches Ltd	KSM Motors	School 4.5 day week provided for; otherwise unchanged.	YES
813	Ullapool – Braemore Junction	D & E Coaches Ltd	D & E Coaches Ltd	Merged with school route, otherwise unchanged	NO
815	Ullapool - Lochinver - Drumbeg (Mon-Thu late afternoons during school term)	Ewen's Taxis	None	Service withdrawn	YES
912	Thurso - Wick via Halkirk (evenings & Sundays)	Stagecoach North Scotland	Stagecoach North Scotland	Late evening journeys withdrawn	NO
915	John O'Groats - Thurso	Stagecoach North Scotland	Stagecoach North Scotland	Some journeys retimed	NO

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916	Bettyhill - Reay - Thurso	Stagecoach North Scotland	Stagecoach North Scotland	Bettyhill journeys withdrawn; other journeys unchanged	NO
917	Wick – Thurso via Halkirk (early morning and Wick High School journeys)	Stagecoach North Scotland	Stagecoach North Scotland	Unchanged	NO
918	Berriedale – Wick (school journeys)	Stagecoach North Scotland	Stagecoach North Scotland	Unchanged	NO
T.07	North Skye dial-a-bus	Uig Taxis	None	Service withdrawn (from Jan 2017)	YES
T.09	Grantown area dial-a-bus	D L Jack	D L Jack	Unchanged	NO
T.10	Fearn Station subsidised taxi	Rab's Cabs	None	Service withdrawn	YES
T.14	Nairnshire dial-a-bus	Easter Ross Coaches	D & E Coaches Ltd	Unchanged	YES
T.15	Ardross subsidised taxi	C & E Taxis	None	Service withdrawn	YES
T.17	Tain area dial-a-bus	Rab's Cabs	Easter Ross Coaches	Unchanged	YES
T.21	Stromeferry - Kyle dial-a-bus	Skyeways	None	Service withdrawn	YES

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.