



PUBLIC TRANSPORT CONTRACT CHANGES IN LOCHABER 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to financial constraints it has been necessary to make service reductions on some routes, and some contracts have been withdrawn.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 page lists all the Council's new public transport contracts in Lochaber.

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.

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
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503	Acharacle - Lochailort	Shiel Buses Ltd	None	Service withdrawn	YES
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507	Drimnin - Lochaline - Fort William	Shiel Buses Ltd	Shiel Buses Ltd	Friday service to Fort William withdrawn in order to allow for school 4.5 day week. Saturday (summer) service withdrawn.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 Inverlochry - Claggan	Stagecoach North Scotland	Shiel Buses Ltd	Unchanged	YES

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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
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