



PUBLIC TRANSPORT CONTRACT CHANGES IN SKYE FROM 24 APRIL 2017 - UPDATE

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to financial constraints it has been necessary to make service reductions on some routes, and some contracts have been withdrawn.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

In the past, Stagecoach have operated commercial services between Portree, Armadale and Kyle in the summer. Stagecoach have not yet designed a timetable for summer 2017 but they have indicated that there will be a service at a similar level to that of recent years.

The table on the next page lists all the Council's new public transport contracts in Skye. At the request of both companies, the Council has agreed that two contracts originally awarded to West Coast Motors will be transferred to Stagecoach, and the table has been updated to show this.

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
600	Ardvasar / Torrin to Portree (School journeys)	Stagecoach North Scotland	Stagecoach North Scotland	Unchanged	NO
601	Armadale - Kyle / Portree (winter)	Maclean Coaches	None	Service withdrawn	YES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
619	Dunvegan - Struan - Portree (Tuesdays)	Ali's Taxis	None	Service withdrawn	YES
T.07	North Skye dial-a-bus	Uig Taxis	None	Service withdrawn (from Jan 2017)	YES