

Bus Advisory Board – 15th October 2024

Item 5 - Coordination of bus timetable changes

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1. Background

- 1.1 At the Bus Advisory Board meeting in July 2023, members agreed to two main timetable change dates per year, with flexibility maintained for unforeseen/emergency operational issues and seasonal changes where it is not possible to confirm the changes at the two main agreed dates.
- 1.2 The date changes were agreed for Easter and the beginning of September, with exact dates to be agreed at each October Board meeting.
- 1.3 The table below sets out the proposed timetable for bus service changes, registrations, consultation, and Board meetings for 2025.

2. Recommendation:

2.1 That the operators subject to Somerset's EP agree:

- **The specific dates for timetable changes and associated consultation/registration periods in 2025 as set out in Table 1 below.**
- **To use the proforma (Appendix A) for presenting proposed timetable changes at future Board Meetings to ensure clarity on any changes being suggested.**

Table 1

Date	Event/Action	Comments
25 th Jan – 22 nd Feb 2025	Consultation period	28 days for consultation with Somerset Council, the Bus Advisory Board and Key Stakeholders.
28th January 2025	Bus Advisory Board Meeting (Q1)	Operators to introduce changes to the Board for consideration/discussion.
23 rd Feb – 5 th April 2025	Registration period	42-day registration period (no further changes can be made during this time)
Sunday 6th April 2025 (Easter Hols 7th – 21st Apr)	Service changes take -effect	Change Date 1 for 2025
29th April 2025	Bus Advisory Board Meeting (Q2)	
21 st June – 18 th July 2025	Consultation period	28 days for consultation with Somerset Council, the Bus Advisory Board and Key Stakeholders.
24th June 2025	Bus Advisory Board Meeting (Q3)	Operators to introduce changes to the Board for consideration/discussion.
19 th July – 30 th August 2025	Registration period	42-day registration period (no further changes can be made during this time)
Sunday 31st August 2025	Service changes take -effect	Change Date 2 for 2025
14th October 2025	Bus Advisory Board Meeting (Q4)	Agree specific date changes for 2026