

# Bus Advisory Board – 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023

## Item 4 - 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 2024.

### 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 2024 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**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event/Action</b>	<b>Comments</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar 2024	Consultation period	28 days for consultation with Somerset Council, the Bus Advisory Board and Key Stakeholders.
<b>6<sup>th</sup> February 2024</b> (re-arranged from 23 Jan)	<b>Bus Advisory Board Meeting (Q1)</b>	<b>Operators to introduce changes to the Board for consideration/discussion.</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> Mar – 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Registration period	42-day registration period (no further changes can be made during this time)
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024</b> <b>(Easter Hols 29<sup>th</sup> Mar – 12 Apr)</b>	<b>Service changes take -effect</b>	<b>Change Date 1 for 2024</b>
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024</b>	<b>Bus Advisory Board Meeting (Q2)</b>	
24 <sup>th</sup> June – 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2024	Consultation period	28 days for consultation with Somerset Council, the Bus Advisory Board and Key Stakeholders.
<b>25<sup>th</sup> June 2024</b> (re-arranged from 16 July)	<b>Bus Advisory Board Meeting (Q3)</b>	<b>Operators to introduce changes to the Board for consideration/discussion.</b>
22 <sup>nd</sup> July – 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept 2024	Registration period	42-day registration period (no further changes can be made during this time)
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024</b>	<b>Service changes take -effect</b>	<b>Change Date 2 for 2024</b>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> October 2024</b>	<b>Bus Advisory Board Meeting (Q4)</b>	Agree specific date changes for 2025