

BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL

Downs Committee

24th November 2014

Report of: Service Director - Transport

Title: Park and Ride access to the Downs

Ward: Citywide

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RECOMMENDATION

The committee notes the content of the report and provide any comments.

Summary

To provide the committee with details of Park and Ride services to the Downs.

The significant issues in the report are:

Information regarding access to the Downs using Park and Ride and commercial bus services.

Policy

1. Not Applicable.

Consultation

2. **Internal**
Not Applicable.

3. **External**
Not Applicable.

Context

4. At present the council has a budget of around £3million (net) to support bus services. The budget aims to fill gaps in the commercial bus network, by providing services that it considers to be socially necessary.
5. The budget covers around 47 contracts that provide 'standalone' services, Park and Ride services and 'add-ons' to the commercial bus network in the morning, evening and at weekends. The contracts came into force in September 2011 and are under contract until September 2016.
6. The council has 3 park and ride sites in Bristol, located in North West Bristol (A4 Portway), South West Bristol (A370 Long Ashton) and South East Bristol (A4 Bath Road).
7. All 3 park and ride sites have a dedicated service direct to central Bristol and there are opportunities for connections to the Downs.
8. In April 2014 we expanded the park and ride offer by re-routing supported service 505 to start/finish at Long Ashton Park and Ride.
9. Service 505 operates Monday to Saturday between Long Ashton Park and Ride and Southmead Hospital and Sundays between Bower Ashton and Southmead Hospital. The service operates on a half hourly basis to Southmead with increased frequency to Clifton during the peak periods.
10. In September 2014 the offer was further increased by the introduction of service 901 from Portway Park and Ride to Clifton.
11. Service 901 operates a limited stop Monday to Saturday service between Portway Park and Ride and Clifton, on a 20 minute frequency from roughly 0700 - 1900.
12. Both services 505 and 901 serve the downs and can be accessed from the stops at Blackboy Hill.
13. The Downs can also be accessed by a number of commercial bus services: 1, 2, 8, 9, 16, 40, 40A and 41, with each operating between 10/20 minutes Monday to Saturday and 20/30 minutes on Sundays, with a combined frequency from the Centre to the Downs of every 2 minutes. Several of these services operate late night journeys on Monday to Saturdays.
14. The above commercial services provide a direct link to the Downs from the following areas: Broomhill, Brislington, Stockwood, Knowle, Temple Meads, City Centre, Clifton, Redland, Whiteladies Road, Stoke Bishop, Sea Mills, Shirehampton, Avonmouth, Lawrence Weston, Henbury,

Cribbs Causeway, Westbury-on-Trym, Brentry, Henleaze and Southmead.

Proposal

15. Not Applicable.

Other Options Considered

16. Not Applicable.

Risk Assessment

17. Not Applicable.

Public Sector Equality Duties

- 8a) Before making a decision, section 149 Equality Act 2010 requires that each decision-maker considers the need to promote equality for persons with the following “protected characteristics”: age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation. Each decision-maker must, therefore, have due regard to the need to:
- i) Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Equality Act 2010.
 - ii) Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it. This involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to --
 - remove or minimise disadvantage suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic;
 - take steps to meet the needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of people who do not share it (in relation to disabled people, this includes, in particular, steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities);
 - encourage persons who share a protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.
 - iii) Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it. This involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to –
 - tackle prejudice; and

- promote understanding.

8b) A full equalities impact assessment was carried out as part of the re-tendering exercise in 2011.

Environmental checklist – see attached.

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Legal and Resource Implications

Legal

Not Applicable

(Legal advice provided by *<Insert name and job title>*)

Financial

(a) Revenue

Not Applicable

(b) Capital

Not Applicable

(Financial advice provided by *<Insert name and job title>*)

Land

Not Applicable.

Personnel

Not Applicable.

(Personnel advice provided by *<Insert name and job title>*)

Appendices:

None

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

Background Papers:

None.