

BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL
Dundry View Neighbourhood Partnership
27th June 2012

Report of: Geoff Mills, Passenger Transport Manager

Title: Bus Service 52 – Financial Support and Service Extension

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RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Neighbourhood Partnership decides whether it wishes to utilise s106 funding from the Imperial Park development to provide financial support to the ABUS Service 52 (including extending some journeys to/from Hengrove Park) at a cost of £18k for the period 2 April 2012 to 29 March 2013.
2. If Recommendation 1 is agreed, that the Neighbourhood Partnership considers setting aside a further £82k of Imperial Park s106 funding (£100k total) to support service 52 for a total period of up to 5 years (until 31 March 2017).

Background

1. Service 52 is presently operated on a wholly commercial basis by ABUS. It provides 9 journeys per day in each direction on Monday to Friday (not public holidays) between Highridge (Lakemead Grove) and the City Centre via the Bridgwater Road and Bedminster. Five journeys in each direction are extended to Imperial Park via Hareclive Road. The current timetable is at Appendix A.
2. ABUS have approached the Council for financial support stating that without it they will have to cut back the service to five journeys in each direction operating between Lakemead Grove and the City Centre only, ie journeys to/from Imperial Park would be withdrawn.

Proposal

3. Following negotiations, the proposal is that, in return for a payment of £18k, abus will retain the current service level and extend the Imperial Park journeys to/from the new Hengrove Park development. In addition the current 15:17 journey from Bond Street would be extended to Hengrove

Park and a 15:57 return provided. The proposed timetable is attached as Appendix B. The period of support would be from 2 April 2012 until 29 March 2013 with the operation to/from Hengrove Park being introduced as soon the service registration requirements allow (6th June 2012). From the 23rd July, there would be an additional journey, from Hengrove Park to Broadmead at 13:52, and the extension and re-timing of the current 14:45 from Lakemead Grove, to depart from Hengrove Park at 14:52. Extension beyond March 2013 would be the subject of future negotiations in the context of the service's performance.

4. The Transport Acts permit the Council to provide support to bus operators without competitive tender under the 'de minimus' service subsidy arrangements. The limit on this is a maximum of 25% of the Council's total service subsidy budget. The requested level of support would not breach this limit.
5. Following the Medium Term Financial Plan's requirement to save a total of £1m from the service subsidy budget over 2011/12 & 2012/13, there is no funding available within this budget to support the service. However, the Neighbourhood Partnership has access to s106 funds totalling some £270k from the Imperial Park development that are earmarked for public transport benefits/improvements and could therefore be utilised. It is recommended that the Neighbourhood Partnership sets aside a total of £100k of this s106 funds, to enable the support of the 52 for a 5 year period.

Appendices

Appendix A – Current Service 52 timetable

Appendix B – Proposed Service 52 timetable 6th June & 23rd July

Appendix A

Broadmead - Imperial Park

Monday to Friday (not Public Holidays)

Commencing Date: 04/09/11

Service No	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52
Old Market , Bond Street	0912	1012	1112	1212	1312	1412	1517	1607	1707
The Centre	0918	1018	1118	1218	1318	1418	1523	1613	1713
Bedminster Parade	0924	1024	1124	1224	1324	1424	1529	1619	1719
Bedminster, Parson St West St	0928	1028	1128	1228	1328	1428	1533	1625	1725
Bedminster Down, Marguerite Road	0934	1034	1134	1234	1334	1434	1539	1632	1732
Highridge, Lakemead Grove	0938	1038	1138	1238	1338	1438	1543	1636	1736
Hartcliffe, Symes Avenue	0945	1045	1145	1245	1345				
Hartcliffe , Imperial Park	0950	1050	1150	1250	1350				
Service No	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52
Hartcliffe , Imperial Park		0728			0952	1052	1152	1252	
Hartcliffe, Symes Avenue		0733			0957	1057	1157	1257	
Withywood, Queen's Road				0900					
Highridge, Lakemead Grove Terminus		0741		0905	1005	1105	1205	1305	1445
Bedminster Down, Marguerite Road	0645	0745	0845	0909	1009	1109	1209	1309	1449
Bedminster, Chessel Street	0650	0752	0852	0915	1015	1115	1215	1315	1455
Bedminster Parade	0655	0757	0857	0920	1020	1120	1220	1320	1500
The Centre	0700	0802	0902	0926	1026	1126	1226	1326	1506
Broadmead , The Horsefair	0706		0908	0932	1032	1132	1232	1332	1512

Appendix B

Broadmead - Hengrove Park

Monday to Friday (not Public Holidays)

Commencing Date: 06/06/2012

Service No	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52
Old Market , Bond Street	0912	1012	1112	1212	1312	1412	1517	1607	1707
The Centre	0918	1018	1118	1218	1318	1418	1523	1613	1713
Bedminster Parade	0924	1024	1124	1224	1324	1424	1529	1619	1719
Bedminster, Parson St West St	0928	1028	1128	1228	1328	1428	1533	1625	1725
Bedminster Down, Marguerite Road	0934	1034	1134	1234	1334	1434	1539	1632	1732
Highridge, Lakemead Grove	0938	1038	1138	1238	1338	1438	1543	1636	1736
Hartcliffe, Symes Avenue	0945	1045	1145	1245	1345		1550		
Hartcliffe , Imperial Park	0950	1050	1150	1250	1350		1555		
Hengrove Park, South Bristol Hospital	0952	1052	1152	1252	1352		1557		
Service No	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52
Hengrove Park, South Bristol Hospital		0728			0952	1052	1152	1252	1557
Hartcliffe, Symes Avenue		0733			0957	1057	1157	1257	1602
Withywood, Queen's Road				0900					
Highridge, Lakemead Grove Terminus		0741		0905	1005	1105	1205	1305	1445
Bedminster Down, Marguerite Road	0645	0745	0845	0909	1009	1109	1209	1309	1449
Bedminster, Chessel Street	0650	0752	0852	0915	1015	1115	1215	1315	1455
Bedminster Parade	0655	0757	0857	0920	1020	1120	1220	1320	1500
The Centre	0700	0802	0902	0926	1026	1126	1226	1326	1506
Broadmead , The Horsefair	0706		0908	0932	1032	1132	1232	1332	1512

Broadmead - Hengrove Park

Monday to Friday (not Public Holidays)

Commencing Date: 23/07/2012

Service No	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52
Old Market , Bond Street	0912	1012	1112	1212	1312	1412	1512	1607	1707
The Centre	0918	1018	1118	1218	1318	1418	1518	1613	1713
Bedminster Parade	0924	1024	1124	1224	1324	1424	1524	1619	1719
Bedminster, Parson St West St	0928	1028	1128	1228	1328	1428	1528	1625	1725
Bedminster Down, Marguerite Road	0934	1034	1134	1234	1334	1434	1534	1632	1732
Highridge, Lakemead Grove	0938	1038	1138	1238	1338	1438	1538	1636	1736
Hartcliffe, Symes Avenue	0945	1045	1145	1245	1345	1445	1545		
Hartcliffe , Imperial Park	0950	1050	1150	1250	1350	1450	1550		
Hengrove Park, South Bristol Hospital	0952	1052	1152	1252	1352	1452	1552		
Service No	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52
Hengrove Park, South Bristol Hospital		0728		0952	1052	1152	1252	1352	1452
Hartcliffe, Symes Avenue		0733		0957	1057	1157	1257	1357	1457
Withywood, Queen's Road				0900					
Highridge, Lakemead Grove Terminus		0741		0905	1005	1105	1205	1305	1405
Bedminster Down, Marguerite Road	0645	0745	0909	1009	1109	1209	1309	1409	1509
Bedminster, Chessel Street	0650	0752	0915	1015	1115	1215	1315	1415	1515
Bedminster Parade	0655	0757	0920	1020	1120	1220	1320	1420	1520
The Centre	0700	0802	0926	1026	1126	1226	1326	1426	1526
Broadmead , The Horsefair	0706		0932	1032	1132	1232	1332	1432	1532

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27th June 2012

Report of: Steve Bird, Group Manager – Infrastructure, Passenger Transport

Title: Bus Stop upgrades

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RECOMMENDATION

That the Neighbourhood Partnership agrees to utilise **£173,110** s106 funding from the Imperial Park and **£65,623.65** from The Groves developments, to fund bus stop upgrades in the Dundry View area.

Background

1. Section 106 (s106) is part of planning legislation. It can require developers to pay money to the council to provide measures to mitigate the impact of their development. A substantial amount of s106 funding (£270k) has been devolved to the Neighbourhood Partnership from the Imperial Park development, for improvements to Public and/or Sustainable Transport to the site. Also, a total of £65,623 is available from s.106 funding from the Groves development.
2. The delivery of the Greater Bristol Bus Network (GBBN) has involved comprehensive improvements to existing bus infrastructure on a number of bus routes into the city. This included the installation of new high quality bus shelters, longer bus stop bays to improve passenger access to vehicles, raised boarding platforms and real time information (RTI) with audio functionality.

Proposal

3. The Neighbourhood Partnership has access to s106 funds totalling £270k from the Imperial Park development that are earmarked for public transport benefits/improvements. It is recommended in a separate report to the Neighbourhood Partnership that £100k of that funding is utilised for the support of service 52, retaining enough for a 5 year period of support. It is therefore proposed that the remaining £173,110 of Imperial Park funding be used to upgrade bus stops on routes to the Imperial Park site.

4. The proposal is to upgrade bus stops on **Bishport Avenue**, on the route of service 36, and **Hareclive Road**, on the route of service 52, to GBBN standards. These were identified as the most suitable locations, as the 36 and 52 bus services are the only 2 services to penetrate the Imperial Park development. As a number of stops in this area were improved as part of Showcase 1, the proposal is to approach the upgrades in stages. This would address the stops with no raised kerb, shelter or RTI provision, or any combination of these elements as a priority. Following this, we would seek to replace existing infrastructure where necessary, to the improved GBBN standard.
5. The upgrading of a bus stop with a new shelter and associated paving works, new raised kerb and RTI display costs approximately £25k.
6. It is also proposed to utilise the £65,623.65 s.106 funding from the Groves development to upgrade the 4 stops in the vicinity of this site to GBBN standards. As above, this may not be enough to fund all four stops but this will depend on site and works required. The Groves s.106 is specifically identified for this purpose.

Appendices

None