

**WARDS AFFECTED:**

*Bulwell, Bulwell Forest, Basford, Bestwood,  
Aspley, Berridge, Arboretum, Radford & Park*

**ITEM No .....**

**WEST AREA COMMITTEE  
10 January 2007**

**BULWELL & BULWELL FOREST  
AREA (ONE) COMMITTEE  
17 January 2007**

**ARBORETUM, BERRIDGE, RADFORD & PARK  
AREA (FOUR) COMMITTEE  
18 January 2007**

**BASFORD & BESTWOOD  
AREA (TWO) COMMITTEE  
24 January 2007**

**REPORT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF CITY DEVELOPMENT**

**NOTTINGHAM CITY TRANSPORT LTD: CHANGES TO BUS SERVICES**

**1 SUMMARY**

This report describes the service changes planned by Nottingham City Transport Ltd to the Yellow and Turquoise routes, which serve the northern and western wards of the City.

**2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

IT IS RECOMMENDED that the Committee consider the proposals being put forward by the operator as part of its consultation process.

**3 BACKGROUND**

At a meeting with Nottingham City Transport Ltd, attended by Cllrs Haymes and Lee, it was requested by those members and the operator that this item is taken to the next Area Committee meeting.

**4 PROPOSALS**

**Turquoise Services (77, 78 and 79) serving Aspley, Strelley and Bulwell**

The routes of these services will not change, but frequencies will be improved.

**Services 60 – 63 serving the Bulwell Estates**

These services will all be replaced by direct services between the Bulwell Estates and the city centre operating via Nottingham Road and Sherwood Rise

instead of through Hyson Green. There will no longer be local journeys operating to Bulwell only.

A new service will be provided between the City, Hyson Green, Perry Road and Heathfield Estate. NET will provide the direct link between Bulwell and Hyson Green.

### **Yellow Services**

The Yellow services will be completely re-organised. The main points are:-

- A more frequent service direct to the city centre along Highbury Road, Vernon Road and Nottingham Road;
- Improved links between Basford, Bagnall Road and Cinderhill to Morrison's at Bulwell;
- Improved links between Bulwell and Arnold via Rise Park, Top Valley and Bestwood Park.

### **Locallink in Bulwell**

This new service will serve Bulwell Hall Estate, Norwich Gardens, Bulwell Bus Station and the Piccadilly and Brooklyn Road areas. It will replace service 72, 73 and 74 provisions to these areas and demand responsive will also be available to some parts of the area. The service will be operated by Nottingham Community Transport under contract to the City Council.

### **Services to Nottingham Business Park, off Woodhouse Way**

With these changes, Nottingham City Transport will no longer serve Nottingham Business Park. From the inception of the Business Park the developer have been obliged to fund bus services to the site through developer contributions. This funding is now exhausted and the expected growth in bus patronage has not materialised.

## **5 TIMESCALE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF PROPOSALS**

These changes are planned to take effect from Sunday, 25 March 2007.

## **6 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Most of the changes relate to a local restructuring of the commercial bus network provided by Nottingham City Transport Ltd. In only one case will the City Council need to provide a replacement service from its own budgets. This will be the Bulwell locallink service and the estimated call on existing revenue budgets for this service will be around £60,000 per year. The capital purchase of the buses required has already been made through the Local Transport Plan.

## **7 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no legal implications associated with these changes.

## **8 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

The proposals will enhance bus service provision on several corridors at all times of day. There will also be improvements to many daytime links from residential areas to local district centres. The introduction of a locallink service in Bulwell will provide new links to areas not previously served by bus.

## **9 RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES**

The opportunities and risks associated with these decisions will be identified and managed by Nottingham City Transport Ltd as operator of the services. Nottingham City Council will provide the Bulwell locallink service out of its own revenue budgets and has considered the potential risks with this service.

## **10 CONSULTATIONS**

Consultation is currently at the Member stage with submission of this report. On the ground consultation will be provided for users of these services as we get closer to the proposed service change date.

## **11 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

The proposals fit in with City Council intentions to roll out the concept of locallink bus service to key areas of the City.

## **12 CRIME AND DISORDER ACT IMPLICATIONS**

None.

## **13 VALUE FOR MONEY**

It is predicted that that passenger subsidy on Bulwell locallink will be below the £2 per passenger trip target level.

## **14 List of background papers other than published works or those disclosing confidential or exempt information**

None.

## **15 Published documents referred to in compiling this report**

None.

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## **Appendix 1**

### **CHANGES TO TURQUOISE AND YELLOW SERVICES, 25 MARCH 07 – Further Description**

Some Turquoise services will see improved frequencies, whilst the 60-63 group will be withdrawn and replaced by new provisions on Yellow services.

The Yellow services themselves will see a complete re-organisation of routes.

The changes are summarised below, with details of proposed daytime frequencies given.

#### **Turquoise**

77 – will be increased to an 8 min frequency

78 – will be increased to a 20 min frequency

79 – will be increased to a 20 min frequency

60 – withdrawn

62 – withdrawn

62a – withdrawn

162 - withdrawn

#### **Bulwell NET Link**

61 – withdrawn

63 – withdrawn

#### **Yellow**

The Yellow group of services are to be completely re-organised as follows:

##### **Service 68 City – Sherwood Rise – Highbury Vale – Bulwell – Hempshill Vale – Snape Wood**

This service will operate with the 69 along Highbury Vale. It then goes forward to replace services 60-63 through to the Bulwell Estates.

The 68 will operate every 20 mins.

Some peak journeys will be numbered 68a and will serve Blenheim Industrial Estate.

Operated by full-length single deckers

##### **Service 69 City – Sherwood Rise – Highbury Vale – Bulwell – Snape Wood – Hempshill Vale**

Existing service is re-routed to serve Highbury Vale. It then goes forward to replace services 60-63 through to the Bulwell Estates.

The new 69 will operate every 20 mins.

Some peak journeys will be numbered 69a and will serve Blenheim Industrial Estate.

Operated by full-length single deckers.

**Service 70 City – Sherwood Rise – Bagnall Rd – Bulwell – Arnold**

This service will operate every 20 mins.

It will not serve Nottingham Business Park and Assarts Farm (an alternative link will be provided by service 72 at Peak times only).

Follows existing 71a route between Bulwell and Arnold.

Operated by Solo midibuses.

**Service 71 City – Sherwood Rise – Stockhill Lane – Bulwell - Arnold**

This service will operate every 20 mins.

Follows existing 71 route between Bulwell and Arnold.

Operated by Solo midibuses.

**Service 72 City – Sherwood Rise – Stockhill Lane – Assarts Farm**

This will be the only service beyond Cinderhill to Assarts Farm and will run at peak times only. NCT will no longer operate to Nottingham Business Park.

The existing 72 service will be replaced as far as Heathfield Estate by new service 80.

Services 73, 74 and parts of the 72 north of Heathfield Estate will be withdrawn.

**New replacement Services**

New services will replace facilities to Hyson Green, Radford Road, Perry Road, Heathfield Estate, Brooklyn Road, Piccadilly and Norwich Gardens.

**Service 80 City – Hyson Green – Heathfield**

This service will operate every 20 mins, but there will be no Eve/Sun provision.

To be operated by Solo midibuses.

**Bulwell locallink**

This service will operate every 30-60 mins depending on the time of day.

It will provide links between Bulwell Hall Estate, Morrisons, Norwich Gardens, Piccadilly, Brooklyn Road and Bulwell centre. The service will be operated by Nottingham Community Transport and will be funded directly from City Council budgets.