

Item 11 - 747 Parish meeting notes – 9th Nov 2017

The meeting was held in Billesdon with representatives from RCC/LCC and the parishes to hear the news regarding the 747 service for 2018.

Key Points

Both RCC/LCC have agreed to commit to the current service for another year.

Centrebus have submitted their notice to quit the service but in the notice have stated they would continue to operate the service if a subsidy of £50k from the 2 councils was considered. (The subsidy was £60k for 2017) LCC state this is a legal requirement as Centre Bus have to give the councils 56 day's notice of quitting a bus service. **LCC will now start negotiations with Centre bus to try and negotiate down the subsidy figure but state this is not a stumbling block in the service operating next year.**

There will be no changes in the operation of the service except there will be a price rise but by how much is not known yet.

A joint press release by both councils will be published tomorrow (10th Nov 2017) stating the service will operate as normal for 2018.

The performance of the service has improved mainly due to the route change introduced recently. (Terminating at the shopping centre now not the bus station)

The foot fall has improved through the promotional work everyone is doing but we all need to do better to ensure we are not in the same situation next year.

The parishes have agreed to meet 4/5 times next year with representatives of Centre bus, RCC/LCC to try and improve the service further – I have agreed to represent UTC. I feel this is only a reprieve for the service and we need to do a lot more work to insure the service is saved for the longer term

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