

Information

Changes listed in this leaflet have been notified to the County Council for introduction over the next few weeks.

Please note details of school services are not included in this leaflet. Information on school buses is available from your local Information Outlet.

For information about local bus services:

1 Call into your local Information Outlet (see locations below)

2 Use your mobile and visit:

NextBuses.mobi

Bus times direct to your mobile phone.

(Your normal mobile operators data charges apply)

This service is provided by:



3 Bus timetable information available from www.lancashire.gov.uk

4 Check out the online journey planner www.traveline.info or call the number below:



traveline

public transport info

0871 200 22 33

Calls cost 12p per minute plus your phone company's access charge

www.traveline.info

open 7 days a week

DETAILED INFORMATION ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT CAN BE OBTAINED FROM:

Accrington Library & Information Service St James Street	Leyland Library & Information Service Lancastergate	Skelmersdale Library & Information Service Southway
Burnley Bus Station	Morecambe Tourist Information Centre, Station Buildings, Marine Road	For details about bus services in Blackburn please contact: Blackburn Visitor Centre Blackburn Market, Church Street
Burscough Bridge Interchange Liverpool Road	Nelson Interchange Bus Station, Broadway	
Carnforth Connect Carnforth Station	Ormskirk Library Burscough Street	
Chorley Interchange Clifford Street	Preston Bus Station	For details about bus services in Blackpool please contact: Blackpool Transport Travel Offices Market Street, Blackpool and Rigby Road, Blackpool
Clitheroe Interchange Railway View Road	Rawtenstall Library & Information Service Queen's Square, Haslingden Road	
Fleetwood Library & Information Service North Albert Street		

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bus service changes

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Have Your Say...

Consultation on withdrawal of subsidy from local bus services

Over the next five years the county council needs to make further savings of £262m. This is the result of continued cuts in Government funding, rising costs and rising demand for key services.

We are now consulting on the budget proposals to withdraw the subsidy and terminate all local bus service contracts and would like to hear your views on these proposals.

The consultation/expressions of interest are open until the **Sunday 27 March 2016** visit www.lancashire.gov.uk/haveyoursay to have your say.

Alternatively, you can pick up a hard copy of the consultation questionnaire at your local library or County Information Centre.

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RIBBLE VALLEY & HYNDBURN SERVICES

Update on the withdrawal of subsidies to provide Local Bus Service contracts in Lancashire

Following the decision made by Lancashire County Council's Cabinet, on 26 November 2015, to end all bus subsidises as part of the budget reductions, bus service providers have been formally advised that all county council's bus service contracts will cease on 2 April 2016.

Whilst many of these bus service contracts are not commercially viable, bus operators are considering whether they could provide some service level in an area, without any level of subsidy. Where this is not possible bus operators will deregister the service with the Traffic Commissioner from 2 April 2016. We have asked operators if they could confirm their intentions as soon as possible on this matter.

Holmeswood Coaches Ltd operate a number of county council contracted bus services throughout Lancashire and have given notice that they would be unable to fulfil all of their contracts up to their end dates of 2 April 2016, due the potential loss of driving staff pending the withdrawal of all their contracts. As a result of this, the following contracted bus services will cease after operation on **21 February 2016**:

Service 5 Chipping - Clitheroe - Whalley - Langho - Blackburn
Service 14/14A Clitheroe - Accrington - Royal Blackburn Hospital
Service 15 Chipping - Longridge - Mellor Brook - Mellor - Blackburn
Service 25 Clitheroe - Whalley - Brockhall - Mellor - Blackburn

This information has been communicated to other bus operators, with discussions ongoing, to establish if there are alternative commercial opportunities to maintain some level of service in these areas.

However, Darwen Coach Services have advised they are going to provide a partial replacement service for Mellor and Mellor Brook to Blackburn town centre – please refer to service information below.

We are currently investigating what, if any, mitigating action can be taken to protect the most vulnerable residents within these communities.

Service D15 Mellor Brook – Mellor – Blackburn (DCS leaflet)

From **22 February 2016** Darwen Coach Services are introducing a new service between Mellor Brook, Mellor and Blackburn. The new route will generally operate every two hours during Monday to Saturday daytime.

Furthermore, Stagecoach in Lancashire are going to provide two extended journeys (one in the morning and one in the afternoon), either on Service 1 or Service 4, through to Chipping. Full details have yet to be confirmed, however these journeys will enable students for Preston College or Cardinal Newman College to connect onto bus services for Preston.