CHANGES TO BUS SERVICE - ROUTE 24

Alum Chine, Westbourne, Westcliff, Bournemouth Centre, Rail and Coach Station. Affects evening and Sunday services only.
Proposed from January 2011

The evening and Sunday buses on route 24 are operated under contract to Bournemouth Borough Council by Transdev Yellow Buses.

The current financial situation in local government means the money the council spends on supported bus services has to be reviewed as significant savings need to be made as part of the drive to reduce the budget deficit.

As a result the council needs to look at all the bus services we support throughout Bournemouth. We need to make savings - while trying to maintain a weekday service on all routes, so residents who rely on public transport still have access to a bus service for shopping and connection with the network. After consideration this means that a number of bus services the council provides at evenings and weekends need to be reviewed.

For route 24 we regrettably need to propose withdrawal of some evening journeys on this route. For Mondays to Saturdays the last bus will be the 19:22hrs journey from the station and the 19:28 hrs from Bournemouth Square to Alum Chine. From Alum Chine to Bournemouth and the Station the last bus will be the 19:50 hrs.

For Sundays and public holidays the 08:22 Station/08:28 Bournemouth Square to Alum Chine and 08:50 Alum Chine to Bournemouth/Station journey will be withdrawn. In addition the last bus from the Station/Bournemouth to Alum Chine will be 17:22 hrs/17:28 hrs and the last bus from Alum Chine to Bournemouth/Station will be 17:50 hrs. **The daytime service on a Sunday will continue to be provided by the Council and remains unchanged.**

Bournemouth Council very much regrets that some residents will be adversely affected by this change. As a council we do need to review the bus services we support due to the financial challenges on all public services. Please note that the responsibility for this proposal rests with the Council and not Transdev Yellow Buses who operate the route on our behalf. The weekday daytime service on route 24 is operated on a commercial basis by Transdev Yellow Buses and is not affected by these proposed changes.

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