

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

**HIGHWAYS AND PLANNING
CABINET MEMBER**

**PUBLIC TRANSPORT:
SERVICE 4, BRIGG – SCUNTHORPE
EARLY MORNING, EVENING AND SUNDAY JOURNEYS**

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To approve the award of a contract for a bus service between Brigg and Scunthorpe.
- 1.2 This will replace an existing contract which expires at the end of August.
- 1.3 The number of people using this service has declined. However, we recommend that the weekday, Saturday and Sunday journeys be continued.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 Hornsbys run bus service 4 between Scunthorpe, Broughton and Brigg. Between 07:00 and 18:00, Monday to Saturday, the service runs commercially but the council has a contract with Hornsbys which provides:
 - Early morning services with extensions to Normanby Enterprise Park (NEP), Monday to Friday
 - Monday to Friday evening services, with extensions to the Hospital and NEP
 - A limited Saturday evening service between Brigg and the Bus Station only and
 - A Sunday service.
- 2.2 Appendix 2 gives the full service 4 timetable and shows which journeys are commercial and which are subsidised.
- 2.3 The existing contract expires on 31 August. We retendered the service for five years up to 31 August 2014 and received one response. This was from Hornsby Travel Services Ltd. Details are in Appendix 1.

3. OPTIONS AND ANALYSIS

Monday to Friday Early Morning and Evening Journeys

- 3.1 These journeys carry people going to work in Scunthorpe and NEP. Because of the recession, the number of users has gone down by 20% between Summer 2008 and Spring 2009. The subsidy cost per user has increased to £3.41 which is over the council's usual benchmark of £3.

- 3.2 When the economy recovers and more jobs are available, these journeys are likely to carry more users. In the meantime, they provide essential access to work for a small number of people. The council's Bus Strategy gives priority to access to jobs.
- 3.3 Hornsbys also provide four subsidised round trips between the Bus Station and NEP during the daytime. These are extensions to the commercial service 4 timetable and are shaded in blue in Appendix 2. The number of people using these journeys has also gone down and their future is uncertain.
- 3.3 We recommend that the contracted Monday to Friday journeys should be continued but that the provision of all services to NEP be reviewed within the next few months.

Saturday Journeys

- 3.4 There are three subsidised journeys on Saturday evening. These are at 18:35 and 20:40 from Brigg and 19:50 from Scunthorpe Hospital.
- 3.5 The tendered cost of these journeys has risen by 29% to £60 per day. Numbers using Saturday evening journeys vary greatly.
- 3.5 We recommend that the Saturday evening journeys continued. However, the price is high and they do not meet the council's priorities for subsidised services. We should keep these journeys under review.

Sunday Journeys

- 3.6 Sunday and bank holiday journeys currently run between 12:35 and 18:35. On most Sundays they carry between 45 and 60 users. The average subsidy cost is £2.31 which is acceptable.
- 3.7 In their tender, Hornsbys propose an alternative Sunday timetable for no extra cost. They suggest that the service should start at 11:30 and finish at 17:59 and offer an extra journey between Brigg and Scunthorpe.
- 3.8 This is in line with recent trends towards shopping on Sundays and is likely to attract more users. The last bus from Scunthorpe to Brigg would be at 16:15 instead of 17:30 as it is today. The number of users on the 17:30 varies between 12 and zero.
- 3.9 We recommend that the Sunday and bank holiday service is retained and Hornsbys' alternative timetable be used.

4. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)

- 4.1 **Financial:** The annual cost of this service is currently £40,122.
- 4.2 A full service including Saturdays from 1 September would cost £43,095.
- 4.3 This can be found from the current Public Transport budget.
- 4.4 There is no staffing, property or IT implication.

5. **OTHER IMPLICATIONS (STATUTORY, ENVIRONMENTAL, DIVERSITY, SECTION 17 - CRIME AND DISORDER, RISK AND OTHER)**

- 5.1 **Environmental:** The service provides an alternative to the private car.
- 5.2 **Diversity:** It allows people who do not have access to a car to reach jobs in central Scunthorpe, Foxhills Industrial Estate and Normanby Enterprise Park.
- 5.3 **Risk:** If the decline in passengers continues and the service is no longer justified or affordable, the contract may be ended at two months notice.

6. **OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION**

- 6.1 We consulted local members and town and parish councils on the route about the future of the service.
- 6.2 Brigg Town Council replied. They backed the service which they said was particularly useful for regular users and those travelling to work.

7. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 7.1 That Hornsby Travel Services Ltd be awarded contract 09/1351 for bus journeys between Brigg and Scunthorpe on weekdays, Saturdays and Sundays.
- 7.2 That the provision of other journeys between Scunthorpe Bus Station and Normanby Enterprise Park be reviewed and a further report be prepared at the appropriate time.
- 7.3 That Hornsbys' alternative Sunday timetable be adopted as it is likely to be more attractive to users.
- 7.4 That the performance of Saturday evening journeys be kept under review.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report: Nil

Contract 09/1351: Service 4, Brigg – Scunthorpe, Early Morning, Evening & Sunday

Tenders received: 1, Hornsby Travel Services Ltd

Price per day:	Monday to Friday	£135.00
	Saturday	£60.00
	Sunday	£110.00

Service 4 Timetable Showing Commercial and Subsidised Journeys

Brigg - Broughton - Ashby - Scunthorpe - Normanby Enterprise Park Service 4

Monday to Friday

Day	CD					NCD								
Brigg Cary Lane	500	630	700	730	755	755	900	1000	1100	1200	1300	1400	1505	1600
Castlethorpe Corner	505	635	705	735	800	800	905	1005	1105	1205	1305	1405	1510	...
Broughton Red Lion	511	641	711	741	806	806	916	1016	1116	1216	1311	1416	1521	1605
Morrisons	521	651	721	751	816	816	927	1027	1127	1227	1321	1427	1532	1616
Hornsby Depot	524	654	724	754	819	819	930	1030	1130	1230	1324	1430	1535	1627
Brumby Corner	531	701	731	801	...	826	938	1038	1138	1238	1331	1438	1543	1630
Glover Road	...	...	...	...	835	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1638
Scunthorpe Bus Sta	540	710	740	810	845	835	945	1045	1145	1245	1340	1445	1550	1645
Old Crosby	543	714	743	813	...	...	...	...	...	...	1343	...	...	...
Nisa	548	720	748	818	...	...	...	...	...	...	1348	...	...	...

Brigg Cary Lane	...	1705	1740	...	...	...
Brigg Barnard Ave	...	...	...	1805	1835	2100
Castlethorpe Corner	...	1710	1745	1810	1840	2105
Broughton Red Lion	...	1721	1756	1816	1846	2114
Morrisons	...	1732	1807	1826	1857	2122
Hornsby Depot	...	1735	1810	1829	1900	2125
Brumby Corner	...	1743	...	1836	...	2131
Scunthorpe Bus Sta	1650	1750	...	1843	...	2142
Old Crosby	1655	...	...	...	...	2145
Nisa	1710	...	...	...	...	2150
Hospital Outpatients	...	...	...	1849	...	...
Scunthorpe Hospital	...	...	...	1850	...	...

- Hornsby commercial service, not subsidised.
- Brigg - Scunthorpe contracted service (subject of this report).
- "De minimis" extensions

Normanby Enterprise Park - Scunthorpe - Ashby - Broughton - Brigg Service 4

Monday to Friday

Day	CD					NCD								
Nisa	610	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1408	...	...	...	...
Old Crosby	615	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1413	...	...	...	...
Scunthorpe Bus Sta	620	...	...	800	910	1010	1110	1210	1310	1418	1510	1600	1610	1650
Glover Road	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1610	...	...
Brumby Corner	626	...	...	807	917	1017	1117	1217	1317	1425	1517	1612	1617	1657
Hornsby Depot	635	700	730	815	925	1025	1125	1225	1325	1433	1525	1620	1625	1705
Morrisons	638	703	733	818	928	1028	1128	1228	1328	1436	1528	1623	1628	1708
Broughton Red Lion	646	711	741	829	939	1039	1139	1239	1339	1447	1539	1634	1639	1719
Castlethorpe Corner	651	716	746	840	950	1050	1150	1250	1350	1458	1550	1645	1650	1730
Brigg Cary Lane	656	721	751	845	955	1055	1155	1255	1355	1503	1555	1650	1655	1735

Scunthorpe Hospital	...	...	2010	...	...	...
Nisa	1710	...	...	2210	...	...
Old Crosby	1715	...	...	2215	...	...
Scunthorpe Bus Sta	1720	1750	2020	2220	...	...
Glover Road	...	...	...	...	...	...
Brumby Corner	1727	1757	2025	2225	...	...
Hornsby Depot	1735	1805	2031	2231	...	...
Morrisons	1738	1808	2034	2234	...	...
Broughton Red Lion	1749	1819	2041	2241	...	...
Scawby Church	...	...	2049	2249	...	...
Sturton Crossroads	...	...	2051	2251	...	...
Castlethorpe Corner	1800	1830
Brigg Barnard Ave	1805	1835	2058	2258
Brigg Cary Lane

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Codes: **CD**- College Days Only **NCD**- Not College Days

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Service 4

Saturday

Brigg Cary Lane	735	820	900	1000	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	1600	1700	1750
Brigg Barnard Ave	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1835	2040
Sturton Crossroads	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1842	...
Scawby Church	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1844	...
Castlethorpe Corner	739	825	905	1005	1105	1205	1305	1405	1505	1605	1705	1755	...	2045
Wressle	743	829	909	1009	1109	1209	1309	1409	1509	1609	1709	1759	...	2048
Red Lion	750	836	916	1016	1116	1216	1316	1416	1516	1616	1716	1806	1852	2052
Morrisons	758	847	927	1027	1127	1227	1327	1427	1527	1627	1727	1817	1859	2059
Hornsby Depot	800	850	930	1030	1130	1230	1330	1430	1530	1630	1730	1820	1902	2102
Brumby Corner	808	858	938	1038	1138	1238	1338	1438	1538	1638	1738	1828	1908	2108
Scunthorpe Bus Sta	813	905	945	1045	1145	1245	1345	1445	1545	1645	1745	1835	1915	2115
Scunthorpe Hospital	1843

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Saturday

Scunthorpe Hospital	1950
Scunthorpe Bus Sta	...	740	815	910	1010	1110	1210	1310	1410	1510	1600	1700	1750	2000
Brumby Corner	...	745	821	917	1017	1117	1217	1317	1417	1517	1607	1707	1757	2006
Hornsby Depot	715	752	829	925	1025	1125	1225	1325	1425	1525	1615	1715	1805	2014
Morrisons	717	754	831	928	1028	1128	1228	1328	1428	1528	1618	1718	1808	2017
Red Lion	724	802	839	939	1039	1139	1239	1339	1439	1539	1629	1729	1819	2023
Wressle	727	809	846	946	1046	1146	1246	1346	1446	1546	1636	1736	1826	2031
Castlethorpe Corner	730	813	850	950	1050	1150	1250	1350	1450	1550	1640	1740	1830	2033
Brigg Barnard Ave	1835	2039
Brigg Cary Lane	733	818	855	955	1055	1155	1255	1355	1455	1555	1645	1745

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
NB This is the proposed timetable, not the existing one which starts later and finishes later.


Sunday

Brigg Barnard Ave	1200	1330	1500	1700
Castlethorpe Corner	1204	1334	1504	1704
Red Lion	1215	1345	1515	1715
Morrisons	1223	1353	1523	1723
Hornsby Depot	1230	1400	1530	1730
Brumby Corner	1234	1404	1534	1734
Scunthorpe Bus Sta	1240	1410	1540	1740

Sunday

Scunthorpe Bus Sta	...	1245	1415	1615	1745
Brumby Corner	...	1251	1421	1621	1751
Hornsby Depot	1130	1259	1429	1629	1759
Morrisons	1133	1303	1432	1632	...
Red Lion	1141	1310	1440	1640	...
Castlethorpe Corner	1152	1321	1451	1651	...
Brigg Barnard Ave	1156	1325	1455	1655	...

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