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Please ask for: Nick King

Date 5 April 2018

My Ref 898136

Your Ref

Dear Mr Todd

**Freedom of Information Request: 898136**

With reference to your Freedom of Information request, I can confirm we are able to supply you with the said information as follows. Under the request you asked for following information:-

1. What is the agreed total budget for supported bus services in the fiscal year 2018/19

**Response: £393,874**

2. What was the total spend for supported bus services in the fiscal year 2017/18?

**Response: £318,024**

3. What was the total spend for supported bus services in the fiscal year 2016/17?

**Response: £263,201**

It should be noted that responses to questions 1,2, and 3 are based purely on the Council's budget for supported bus service and does not include Bus Service Operators Grant or any S106 contributions, as per request.

4. How many and which supported routes are likely to have cuts in services in the fiscal year 2018/19 (for example loss of weekend or evening services)?

**Response: One route likely to be affected – service 14 – Saturday service very lightly patronised and potentially at risk.**

5. How many and which supported routes have had cuts in services in the fiscal years 2016/17 and 2017/18 (for example loss of weekend or evening services), listed for each year?

**Response:**  
**2016-17 – none**

**2017-18: Peak journey reductions on services 18, 19 and 39 from May 2017 and at the same time service 52 was reduced in frequency from every 60 minutes to every 75 minutes.**

6. How many and which supported routes are likely to be completely withdrawn in the fiscal year 2018/19?

**Response: None anticipated**

7. How many and which supported routes have been completely withdrawn in the fiscal years 2016/17 and 2017/18, listed for each year?

Response:

**2016-17: service 27B which operated on Sunday and Bank Holiday evenings was withdrawn November 2016. In October 2016 service 48 which operated on Sundays and Bank Holidays was withdrawn following exhaustion of S106 funding.**

**2017-18: no withdrawals for services funded from Council budget but service 34A withdrawn May 2017 following exhaustion of S106 funding,**

8. How many and which of the previously supported routes have been taken on commercially?

**Response: One route – service 25 taken on commercially Sundays and Bank Holidays from Summer 2017, albeit at reduced frequency.**

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There is no charge for making an appeal.

If I can be of any further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me on Plymouth 01752 304471.

Yours sincerely  
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