

Wantage, Faringdon and Didcot Area Review – new contracts to commence December 2011

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Notes

* ***Certain journeys only under review: partially commercial service***

Parishes served: Where a parish is listed in [square brackets], the service passes through the parish but does not serve the main area of population.

WANTAGE AREA SERVICES

ITEM A

Service 31

Contract V42: Wantage – Marcham – Abingdon (Sunday evenings)

New contract at last review following commercial withdrawal of Sunday evening journeys on this route.

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| Operator | Stagecoach |
| Days of operation | Sunday evenings |
| Frequency | Two journeys each way (all journeys from Wantage/Abingdon from 1955 onwards) |
| Parishes served | Abingdon, Marcham, [Frilford], [Garford], East Hanney, Grove, Wantage |

Alternative services

- There are no alternative mid-evening and late-evening services between Wantage and Abingdon

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| Current subsidy per annum | £6,582 |
| Average passengers per day | 44 (includes passengers from Oxford travelling to/from subsidised section of route) |
| Cost per passenger journey | £2.60 |

Comments from consultation

Bus Users UK: retain service

Cllr Zoe Patrick: maintain Wantage area services at least at current frequency

East Hanney: retain service

Marcham: retain service at least at current level

Prices sought

'De minimis' prices requested from Stagecoach for maintaining current level of service, along with any lower-cost options that are achievable

ITEM B

Service 31

Contract V43: Wantage – Marcham – Abingdon – Oxford (Monday to Thursday evenings)

New contract at last review following commercial withdrawal of Monday to Thursday evening services on this route.

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| Operator | Stagecoach |
| Days of operation | Monday to Thursday evenings |
| Frequency | Three journeys each way (2000, 2200, 0000 ex-Oxford and 1955, 2055 and 2255 ex-Wantage) |
| Parishes served | Oxford, [Sunningwell], [Kennington], Abingdon, Marcham, [Frilford], [Garford], East Hanney, Grove, Wantage |

Alternative services

- There are commercial Monday to Saturday mid-evening and late evening journeys between Wantage and Oxford (1900, 2100 and 2300 ex-Oxford, 1855 and 2155 ex-Wantage)
- The journeys provided by this contract are operated commercially on Friday and Saturday, with additional late night and early morning trips from Oxford to Abingdon and Wantage and from Abingdon to Oxford
- A half-hourly service between Abingdon and Oxford is available via Oxford Bus Company service 35

Current subsidy per annum £30,218

Average passengers per day 42

Cost per passenger journey £3.55

Comments from consultation

Bus Users UK: retain service but alternate route with X30

Cllr Zoe Patrick: maintain Wantage area services at least at current frequency

East Hanney: retain service

Marcham: retain service at least at current level

Prices sought

'De minimis' prices requested from Stagecoach for maintaining current level of service, along with any lower-cost options that are achievable

ITEM C**Service 32****Contract V33: Abingdon – Didcot – Harwell Campus – Wantage – Grove****Service X32****Contract V34: Oxford – Didcot – Harwell Campus – Chilton**

Service 32 provides an hourly service linking the towns of Abingdon, Didcot and Wantage, which also serves Harwell Campus and transports significant numbers of students from Wantage, Didcot and villages served to and from Abingdon College. Service X32 links Didcot with Harwell Village and Harwell Campus, giving a half-hourly service between these places in conjunction with service 32, along with an 'express' service to Oxford

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| Operator | Thames Travel |
| Days of operation | Monday to Saturday |
| Frequency | Hourly |
| Parishes served | Abingdon, Culham, Sutton Courtenay, Milton, <i>Milton Park</i> , Didcot, Harwell, Harwell Campus, East Hendred, West Hendred, Ardington, Wantage, Grove, West Hanney, [East Hanney], Chilton |

Alternative services

1. Oxford Bus Company service X2 links Abingdon and Milton Park with Didcot every 45 minutes from early morning to early evening Monday to Friday, and hourly on Saturday and Sunday
2. RH Transport service 36 operates a broadly hourly 'directional' service linking Wantage and Grove with Milton Park and Didcot on Monday to Friday from early morning until lunchtime, and operates in the reverse direction from early afternoon until the evening peak. Peak hour journeys are provided by service 36 (also under review: see item F)
3. Stagecoach service 34 operates a 'directional' service with two journeys linking Abingdon with Harwell Campus and Wantage in the morning peak, and two journeys in the opposite direction in the evening peak
4. Stagecoach commercial services 31 and X30 and Whites Coaches service 38 (also under review: see item G) link Wantage with Grove, providing a half-hourly service (although services 31, 38 and X30 all currently depart Wantage within a few minutes of each other 'on the hour')

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| Current subsidy per annum | 32: £130,394 (plus £55,125 from Abingdon/Witney College and £56,546 from UKAEA) X32: £32,056 (entirely funded by Harwell Campus/Section 106 funding) |
| Average passengers per day | 32: 487 X32: 384 |
| Cost per passenger journey | 32: £0.88 (using total contract value including S106 funding) X32: £0.27 (indicative: no current cost to OCC as service now operating without subsidy) |

Comments from consultation*Ardington and Lockinge:* retain services at current frequency*Bus Users UK:* run later buses from Wantage for evening shopping

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Childrey: improve connections with service 38

Chilton: retain service X32. Liaise with Goodman (Harwell Campus) to ensure future of both services 32/X32. Ensure Chilton Fields development benefits public transport for Chilton village

Cllr Zoe Patrick: maintain Wantage area services at least at current frequency

East Hanney: retain service

East Hendred: retain service at current frequency. Retain service to Mably Way. Add successful bidder for 32 service to Didcot 'PlusBus'

Harwell: retain 32 and extend into evening. Treat 32/X32 as 'linked' services. Continue to liaise with Goodman (Harwell Campus)

Marcham: retain service at least at current level

Sutton Courtenay: retain service, but extend to Oxford and operate alternately via Drayton/Culham

Wantage: retain service

Prices sought

Service 32

No prices sought: officers advised by two operators that service 32 would continue commercially (i.e without subsidy) after December 2011. Full timetables from this date were not available at the time of writing: should any reductions in service to communities on the line of route result from the commercial declarations, details of officers' attempts to mitigate these are detailed in Supplementary Exempt Annex 2.

Service X32

Service X32 will operate without subsidy until June 2012 (final year of 'declining subsidy' contract): after this date it is assumed that the service will operate wholly commercially.

ITEM D

Service 32A

Contract V47: Didcot – Harwell – Wantage – Grove (Sundays and Bank Holidays)

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| Operator | RH Transport |
| Days of operation | Sunday |
| Frequency | Two-hourly |
| Parishes served | Didcot, Harwell, East Hendred, West Hendred, Ardington, Wantage, Grove. <i>Some journeys are extended to Abingdon, Culham and Sutton Courtenay commercially: these are not part of the subsidised service</i> |

Alternative services

- Ardington, East Hendred and West Hendred have no other Sunday bus service
- No other bus service links Grove and Wantage with Didcot on Sunday
- Grove and Wantage are linked with Abingdon by hourly commercial service 31 on Sunday
- Rowstock Corner and Harwell Village are linked with Didcot by hourly commercial service X32 on Sunday

Current subsidy per annum £13,528

Average passengers per day 59

Cost per passenger journey £3.98

Comments from consultation

Ardington and Lockinge: retain service at current frequency

Cllr Zoe Patrick: maintain Wantage area services at least at current frequency

East Hendred: retain service

Prices sought

PT/V47A: Two-hourly service connecting with trains to/from London at Didcot Parkway Station

PT/V47B: Two-hourly service connecting with buses to/from Oxford at Didcot Parkway Station

ITEM E**Service 32B/32C****Contract V40: Didcot – Steventon/Sutton Courtenay – Abingdon (evenings)**

Hourly mid- and late-evening service linking Abingdon with Didcot and operating alternately via Sutton Courtenay and Steventon

Service X2**Contract V41: Didcot – Sutton Courtenay – Abingdon (Sunday daytime)**

Sunday service linking Abingdon with Didcot diverted every two hours via Sutton Courtenay

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| Operator | Thames Travel (32B/32C) Oxford Bus Company (X2) |
| Days of operation | Daily evenings (32B/32C) Sundays (X2) |
| Frequency | 32B/C: Hourly X2: two-hourly via Sutton Courtenay |
| Parishes served | Abingdon, Drayton, Steventon, Sutton Courtenay, Milton, <i>Milton Park</i> , Didcot |
| Alternative services | No alternative services link the towns and villages served by these contracts with Didcot and Abingdon on Monday to Saturday evenings and Sundays |
| Current subsidy per annum | £37,398 (32B/32C) £3,834 (X2) |
| Average passengers per day | 38 (32B/32C) 13 (X2) |
| Cost per passenger journey | £3.26 (32B/32C) £5.11 (X2) |

Comments from consultation

Bus Users UK: retain service. Direct evening services to/from Oxford requested

Cllr Zoe Patrick: maintain Wantage area services at least at current frequency

Drayton: Direct evening services to/from Oxford requested.

Steventon: request for higher frequency evening services

Prices sought**32B/C**

PT/V40A: Existing daily service with alternate journeys via Sutton Courtenay/Steventon

PT/V40B: Monday to Saturday service with alternate journeys via Sutton Courtenay/Steventon

X2

PT/V41: 'de minimis' price requested from Oxford Bus Company to continue to divert journeys via Sutton Courtenay every two hours

ITEM F

Service 36

Contract V36: Milton Park – Steventon – Wantage – Grove *

'Express' peak hour service funded entirely by Section 106 funding linking Wantage and Grove with Milton Park and Didcot.

* Commercial off-peak journeys are not under review

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| Operator | RH Transport |
| Days of operation | Monday to Friday |
| Frequency | Broadly hourly morning and evening peak |
| Parishes served | Wantage, Grove, East Hanney, Steventon, Milton, <i>Milton Park</i> , Didcot |

Alternative services

- Wantage and Grove are already linked with Milton Park and Didcot via Thames Travel service 32 (also under review: see item C). However the journey takes 45 minutes rather than around 25 minutes via service 36, as it operates via the A417 and the Hendreds rather than the quicker route via East Hanney and Steventon.

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| Current subsidy per annum | £47,056 (no cost to bus subsidy budget: contract entirely funded by Section 106 agreement) |
| Average passengers per day | 49 |
| Cost per passenger journey | £3.79 (indicative: no current cost to OCC) |

Comments from consultation

Bus Users UK: reintroduce 1245 36 journey

Cllr Zoe Patrick: maintain Wantage area services at least at current frequency

Wantage: Retain 36 for travel to Milton Park and Didcot Parkway (for London)

Prices sought

PT/V36A: Current subsidised service (morning and evening peak only)

PT/V36B: Enhanced subsidised service additionally encompassing existing commercial journeys to ensure their continuation (hourly with a break at lunchtime)

This contract will be awarded until June 2012 to permit potential revisions to the service based upon ongoing developments in the Didcot area

ITEM G**Service 38****Contract V44: Grove – Wantage – Letcombes – Childrey**

This contract provides the 'Wantage town service', as well as an hourly service linking Childrey and East Challow with Wantage. Letcombe Regis and Letcombe Bassett are also served by morning peak journeys to Wantage and late afternoon and evening peak journeys from Wantage.

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| Operator | Whites Coaches |
| Days of operation | Monday to Saturday |
| Frequency | Broadly hourly, peak and off-peak |
| Parishes served | Wantage, Grove, East Challow, Childrey, Letcombe Bassett, Letcombe Regis |

Alternative services

- East Challow is linked with Wantage and Faringdon by Monday to Saturday peak and off-peak service 67A (also under review: see item N), although there are sizeable gaps between journeys.
- 1. Letcombe Bassett and Letcombe Regis are linked with Wantage and Faringdon by Monday to Saturday off-peak services 67 and 67B (also under review: see item O), but provide just two return trips per day. On Saturdays these villages are also served by service X47 (also under review: see item O), which offers three trips to and from Wantage or Swindon

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| Current subsidy per annum | £80,089 |
| Average passengers per day | 246 |
| Cost per passenger journey | £1.08 |

Comments from consultation

Bus Users UK: retain service and operate via Letcombes

Childrey: retain service and improve connections with service 32 at Wantage

Cllr Zoe Patrick (Wantage and Grove): Maintain services in Wantage area at least at current frequency

East Challow: many comments requesting retention of 38 service via Canal Way and Sarajac Avenue

Grove: retain service

Wantage: retain service

Prices sought

PT/V44A: Current level of service at current times

PT/V44B: Current level of service with slightly revised times

PT/V44C: Current level of service with slightly revised times and alternate journeys operating via East Challow and the Letcombes

ITEM H**Services 94/95****Contract V32: Didcot – Hagbournes – Blewbury**

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| Operator | Heyfordian Travel |
| Days of operation | Monday to Saturday |
| Frequency | Broadly hourly, peak and off-peak |
| Parishes served | Didcot, East Hagbourne, West Hagbourne, North Moreton, South Moreton, Aston Tirrold, Aston Upthorpe, Upton, Blewbury |

Alternative services

- North Moreton, South Moreton, East Hagbourne, Aston Tirrold, Aston Upthorpe and Blewbury are all linked with Wallingford on Fridays only by Whites Coaches service 131
- Upton and West Hagbourne have no other bus service

Current subsidy per annum £86,262

Average passengers per day 142

Cost per passenger journey £1.99

Comments from consultation

Aston Tirrold/Aston Upthorpe: see South Moreton

Blewbury: Add later journey to connect with train. Connect with X32. Evening and weekend improvements. Include 94/95 on RTI displays. General support for existing service

Bus Users UK: retain service

East Hagbourne: Retain 94/95 and connect with peak trains. Advance 0920. Add later journeys

North Moreton: Move last bus to 1915, and run via Orchard Centre. Do not retime first shopping bus to serve North Moreton before 9am. Run last buses Mon-Sat. Reinforcement of South Moreton 130 suggestion

South Moreton: No service to Didcot from Moretons for 9-5 working day. No service to Hospital. No useful service to Tesco. Long journey times. 130 should be considered in this review, or defer 94/95 to be considered with Wallingford area services

Upton: improve connections with peak trains. General support for service

West Hagbourne: reinstate connections between services 94/95 and X32

Prices sought

PT/V32A: One bus, current timetable with minor alterations 0630-1930

PT/V32B: One bus, current timetable with minor alterations and later finish 0630-1955

PT/V32C: One bus, current timetable with minor alterations and earlier start at Didcot Parkway 0623-1955

PT/V32D: One bus, revised timetable with minor alterations and earlier start and later finish at Didcot Parkway 0623-1955

FARINGDON AREA SERVICES

ITEM I

Service 61

Contract V70: Faringdon Town Service.

This contract is for a contribution towards this voluntarily-provided community bus service, which links residential areas of Faringdon with the town centre and Health Centre. An occasional service linking Eaton Hastings and Buscot with Faringdon was withdrawn in 2009 due to low patronage

Operator Faringdon Community Bus

Days of operation Monday to Friday

Frequency Four circular trips

Parishes served Faringdon

Alternative services No alternative services serve the residential areas of Faringdon that are covered by this contract.

Current subsidy per annum £7,356

Average passengers per day 48

Cost per passenger journey £0.61

Comments from consultation

Bus Users UK: retain service

Prices sought

Price requested from Faringdon Community Bus for continuation of current service

ITEM J**Service 63****Contract V61: Southmoor-Hinton Waldrist-Longworth-Appleton-Eaton-Oxford**

This contract provides an off-peak service to and from Oxford for the above-listed villages: the level of service was reduced from Monday to Saturday to Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at the last review four years ago.

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| Operator | Whites Coaches |
| Days of operation | Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday |
| Frequency | Two-hourly off-peak |
| Parishes served | Oxford, North Hinksey, Cumnor, Appleton w/Eaton, Fyfield, Longworth, Hinton Waldrist, Kingston Bagpuize w/Southmoor |

Alternative services

- Cumnor is served by half-hourly Monday to Saturday daytime service and hourly evening and Sunday service 4B to Oxford and Abingdon
- Kingston Bagpuize and Southmoor, Fyfield Turn and Appleton Turn are served by half-hourly Monday to Saturday and hourly Sunday commercial service 66 to Swindon and Oxford
- Hinton Waldrist, Longworth, Fyfield, Appleton and Eaton are linked with Abingdon by Thursday-only service 43 (single off-peak round trip: also under review (see item R))
- Peak and evening journeys linking Longworth, Fyfield, Appleton and Eaton with Oxford are provided by diversion of certain service 66 journeys (also under review: see item L).

Current subsidy per annum £48,035

Average passengers per day 57

Cost per passenger journey £2.76

Comments from consultation

Appleton and Eaton: At least maintain 63/66 at current levels (in preference to 43), or divert occasional 66s off-peak. No opposition to withdrawal of 3pm ex-Oxford. Happy to connect with X15 at Southmoor. Maintain service along Netherton Road

Bus Users UK: also run at peak hours, Monday to Saturday

Cumnor: retain service. If removing 1500 ex-Oxford, add later journey after school run period to increase flexibility for users

Hinton Waldrist: Request for daily service. 43 fills Thursday gap in 63. Support connection with X15 at Southmoor if offered on Monday to Saturday. Retain mid-afternoon ex-Oxford journey or add later trip

Kingston Bagpuize w/Southmoor: Connection with 63 to X15 sensible. Retain a mid/late afternoon journey.

Prices sought

PT/V61A: Current level of service (Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday)

PT/V61A1: Current level of service (Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday) but excluding mid-afternoon journeys

PT/V61B: Monday to Saturday service at current frequency

PT/V61B1: Monday to Saturday service at current frequency but excluding mid-afternoon journeys

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PT/V61C: Current level of service with adjusted afternoon timings (Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday)

PT/V61D: Current level of service with adjusted afternoon timings (Monday to Saturday)

ITEM K

Service 65

Contract V58: Faringdon – Longcot – Bourton – South Marston – Swindon

Contract V74: Faringdon – Watchfield – Swindon (early a.m)

Shopping service linking Longcot and Bourton with Swindon and Faringdon, plus single early morning journey operating direct to Swindon via A420. Swindon Borough Council contributes toward contract V58 for serving South Marston Village.

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| Operator | Stagecoach |
| Days of operation | Monday to Saturday |
| Frequency | Three off-peak round trips in each direction with a direct morning peak journey via A420 an evening peak journey from Swindon via the villages. |
| Parishes served | Great Faringdon, [Great Coxwell], Little Coxwell, Fernham, Longcot, Watchfield, Bourton, Shrivenham, <i>Swindon B.C</i> |

Alternative services

- Longcot and Bourton both have no other bus service
- Little Coxwell and Fernham are linked with Faringdon and Wantage by peak and off-peak services 67 and 67A (also under review: see item N)
- Faringdon, Watchfield and Shrivenham are linked with Swindon by daily service 66 (half-hourly Monday to Saturday, hourly Sunday)

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| Current subsidy per annum | V58: £27,884 (plus £11,876 from Swindon B.C) V74: £9,985 |
| Average passengers per day | V58: 25 V74: 7 (Passengers travelling between Swindon/Faringdon and Watchfield and Shrivenham excluded from V58 surveys as they have a regular alternative via commercial service 66) |
| Cost per passenger journey | V58: £3.66 (£5.20 using total contract value) V74: £4.68 |

Comments from consultation

Bus Users UK: enhance to two-hourly. Serve Great Coxwell

Longcot: Service not useful as it is: lack of peak bus and limited shoppers options. Some residents connect with 66 at Shrivenham: 66 stops on A420 too distant

Shrivenham: maintain status quo

Watchfield: retain 65 routing, or divert occasional 66 journeys should cuts be necessary

Prices sought

'De minimis' price requested from Stagecoach for maintaining current level of service

ITEM L**Service 66****Contract V59****Faringdon – Southmoor – Appleton – Oxford peak**

Morning and evening peak diversions from main 66 route via A420 to serve Appleton and Eaton, plus Monday to Saturday early evening journey to Oxford (late evening return journey provided commercially)

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| Operator | Stagecoach |
| Days of operation | Monday to Saturday |
| Frequency | Morning and evening peak journeys, plus single early evening journey to Oxford |
| Parishes served | Oxford, North Hinksey, Cumnor, Appleton w/Eaton, Fyfield, Kingston Bagpuize w/Southmoor, [Pusey], [Buckland], Littleworth, Great Faringdon, North Hinksey |

Alternative services

- Appleton and Eaton have no alternative peak hour or evening services, but are linked with Oxford off-peak by Whites Coaches service 63 (also under review: see item J) on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, and with Abingdon on Thursday by Thursday-only service 43 (single off-peak round trip)

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| Current subsidy per annum | £4,525 |
| Average passengers per day | Morning/evening peak: 4 Fri/Sat late evening: 25 Mon-Sat early evening: 0 |
| Cost per passenger journey | £1.06 |

Comments from consultation

Appleton and Eaton: maintain peak hour diversions

Bus Users UK: withdraw journeys if they can be covered by additional service 63 peak hour journeys

Prices sought

'De minimis' price requested from Stagecoach for continued provision of diverted peak hour journeys via Appleton

ITEM M

Service 66

Contract V78

Swindon – Shrivenham – Faringdon – Southmoor – Appleton – Oxford (Sundays)

Sunday service between Swindon, Faringdon and Oxford via A420

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| Operator | Stagecoach |
| Days of operation | Sunday |
| Frequency | Hourly |
| Parishes served | Oxford, North Hinksey, [Cumnor], Appleton w/Eaton, Fyfield, Kingston Bagpuize w/Southmoor, [Pusey], [Buckland], Littleworth, Great Faringdon, Besselsleigh, North Hinksey, Shrivenham, Watchfield, Longcot |

Alternative services

- All places served except Oxford, Cumnor, North Hinksey and Swindon have no alternative bus service on Sundays, and no other direct service links Swindon and Oxford.
- Cumnor and North Hinksey are linked with Oxford on Sunday by hourly service 4B

Current subsidy per annum £19,140

Average passengers per day 431

Cost per passenger journey £0.77

Comments from consultation

Bus Users UK: retain service

Kingston Bagpuize w/Southmoor: retain Sunday 66 service

Shrivenham: retain Sunday 66 service

Prices sought

'De minimis' price requested from Stagecoach for continued contribution toward current Sunday service

ITEM N**Service 67/67A/67B****Contract V79: Faringdon – Stanford-in-the-Vale – Wantage**

Monday to Saturday peak/off-peak service linking Wantage with Faringdon. Most journeys operate direct from Stanford to Wantage (services 67A/B), but two round trips per day serve the 'White Horse villages' off the B4507, as well as the Letcombes (service 67).

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| Operator | RH Transport |
| Days of operation | Monday to Saturday |
| Frequency | Broadly two-hourly, peak and off-peak |
| Parishes served | Baulking, Childrey, East Challow, Great Faringdon, Fernham, Letcombe Bassett, Letcombe Regis, [Little Coxwell], Kingston Lisle, Shellingford, Sparsholt, Stanford-in-the-Vale, Uffington, Wantage |

Alternative services

- Childrey, Letcombe Bassett and Letcombe Regis are also linked with Wantage on Monday to Saturday by Whites Coaches service 38 (also under review: see item G), and with Wantage and Swindon on Saturday by RH Transport service X47 (also under review: see item P)
- Uffington, Wescot, Sparsholt and Kingston Lisle are also linked with Wantage and Swindon on Saturday by RH Transport service X47 (also under review: see item P)
- East Challow is also linked with Wantage on Monday to Saturday by Whites Coaches service 38 (also under review: see item G)
- Fernham and Little Coxwell are linked with Faringdon and Swindon on Monday to Saturday by Stagecoach service 65 (also under review: see item K)
- Shellingford is also linked with Faringdon on Tuesday and Friday by Stanford Community Minibus services 83 and 84 (also under review: see item P)
- Faringdon, Wantage and Stanford-in-the-Vale are also linked on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday by Stanford Community Minibus services 83 and 84 (also under review: see item P)
- Faringdon is linked with Swindon and Oxford by daily service 66 (Sunday service under review: see item M)
- Wantage is linked with Abingdon and Didcot by Monday to Saturday service 32 (also under review: see item C), with Abingdon by largely commercial service 31 (some journeys under review: see items A and B), with Didcot and Abingdon on Sunday by service 32A (subsidised element under review: see item D), and with Didcot on Monday to Friday peak hours by service 36 (also under review: see item F)
- Baulking has no other bus service

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| Current subsidy per annum | £74,241 (plus £11,861 Section 106 funding for Saturday service) |
| Average passengers per day | 138 |
| Cost per passenger journey | £1.76 (£2.04 using whole contract value) |

Comments from consultation

Bus Users UK: remove layover breaks to increase flexibility of service

Item N continues overleaf

Item N continued

Cllr Zoe Patrick (Wantage and Grove): maintain services in Wantage area at least at current frequency

King Alfred's School: continue school 67A journeys. Continue to pick up in car park.

Advance p.m journey to depart Wantage 1515 (K.A 1520)

Sparsholt: Some students return to Sparsholt and Westcot from King Alfred's via pm 67.

Hope for continuation of M-F service if Saturday X47 remains

Uffington: Suggest retention of daily single 67, or at least three days a week.

Prices sought

PT/V79A: Current level of service but without poorly used afternoon 67 journeys

PT/V79B: Revised service (service 67A only): Monday to Friday

PT/V79C: Revised service (service 67A only): Monday to Saturday

PT/V80A: Service 67 (Baulking-Kingston Lisle-Wantage): single round trip (Mon-Fri)

PT/V80B: Service 67 (Baulking-Kingston Lisle-Wantage): single round trip (Mon/Weds/Fri)

Additionally the Special Transport Service Fleet Manager was advised of the potential suitability of elements of this contract for fleet operation: details of any prices received are contained in Supplementary Exempt Annex 2.

ITEM O**Service X47****Contract V79: Wantage – Letcombes – Uffington – Swindon**

Saturday only shoppers' service linking 'White Horse villages', Wantage and Swindon.

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| Operator | RH Transport |
| Days of operation | Saturday only |
| Frequency | Three round trips |
| Parishes served | Wantage, Childrey, Letcombe Bassett, Letcombe Regis, Sparsholt, Kingston Lisle, Ashbury, Woolstone, [Compton Beauchamp], Uffington, <i>Swindon B.C</i> |

Alternative services

- Childrey, Letcombe Bassett and Letcombe Regis are also linked with Wantage on Monday to Saturday by Whites Coaches service 38 (also under review: see item G), and with Wantage and Faringdon on Monday to Saturday by RH Transport service 67/67B (also under review: see item N)
- Uffington, Wescot, Sparsholt and Kingston Lisle are also linked with Wantage and Faringdon on Monday to Saturday by RH Transport service 67 (also under review: see item N)
- Ashbury is linked with Swindon by two-hourly Monday to Saturday service 47 (subsidised by Swindon Borough Council, West Berkshire County Council and Oxfordshire County Council. OCC contribution **NOT** currently under review, and agreed until 2013)
- Woolstone and Compton Beauchamp have no other bus service
- Wantage is linked with Abingdon and Didcot by Monday to Saturday service 32 (also under review: see item C), with Abingdon by largely commercial daily service 31 (some journeys under review: see items A and B), with Oxford by wholly commercial daily service X30, with Didcot and Abingdon on Sunday by service 32A (subsidised element under review: see item D), and with Didcot on Monday to Friday peak hours by service 36 (also under review: see item F)

Current subsidy per annum £12,873

Average passengers per day 57

Cost per passenger journey £4.36

Comments from consultation

Ashbury: support retention of service X47

Bus Users UK: retain service. Enhance to Monday to Saturday?

Cllr Zoe Patrick (Wantage and Grove): maintain services in Wantage area at least at current frequency

Sparsholt: hope for continuation of service X47

Uffington: reduction to single round trip to Swindon considered acceptable

Prices sought

PT/V68A: Current level of service at current times

PT/V68B: Revised service (earlier finish)

PT/V68C: Revised service (earlier finish and operating via Bourton not Bishopstone/Fox Hill)

ITEM P

Service 83/84

Contract V65: Stanford-in-the-Vale Community Minibus

Community bus service operating on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, linking Stanford and many villages with no other bus service with Wantage and Faringdon.

| | |
|--------------------------|---|
| Operator | Stanford in the Vale Community Minibus |
| Days of operation | Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday |
| Frequency | Two or three round trips per operating day |
| Parishes served | Stanford-in-the-Vale, Goosey, Hatford, West Challow, [East Challow], Gainfield, Charney Bassett, Lyford, Denchworth, Shellingford, Faringdon, Wantage |

Alternative services

- Goosey, Hatford, Gainfield, Charney Bassett, West Challow, Lyford and Denchworth have no other bus service at any time
- Stanford-in-the-Vale, Shellingford and East Challow are linked with Faringdon and Wantage by Monday to Saturday services 67/6A (also under review: see item N)
- Wantage is linked with Abingdon and Didcot by Monday to Saturday service 32 (also under review: see item C), with Abingdon by largely commercial daily service 31 (some journeys under review: see items A and B), with Oxford by wholly commercial daily service X30, with Didcot and Abingdon on Sunday by service 32A (subsidised element under review: see item D), with Didcot on Monday to Friday peak hours by service 36 (also under review: see item F), and with Faringdon by Monday to Saturday services 67/6A (also under review: see item N)
- Faringdon is linked with Swindon and Oxford by daily service 66 (Sunday service under review: see item M)

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| Current subsidy per annum | £4,884 |
| Average passengers per day | Tues 31, Weds 65, Fri 15, Sat 25 |
| Cost per passenger journey | £0.70 |

Comments from consultation

Bus Users UK: suggest wholesale revisions to timetable
Cllr Zoe Patrick (Wantage and Grove): maintain services in Wantage area at least at current frequency

Prices sought

'De minimis' prices requested from Stanford Community Minibus for continuation of current service, and for inclusion of West Hanney

ITEM Q

Swindon area Dial-a-ride

Dial-a-ride service linking Ashbury, Bourton, Shrivenham and Watchfield with Swindon

Operator Swindon Dial-a-Ride

Days of operation Friday only

Frequency Demand-responsive service

Parishes served Ashbury, Bourton, Shrivenham, Watchfield, *Swindon B.C*

Alternative services

- Ashbury is linked with Swindon by two-hourly Monday to Saturday service 47 (subsidised by Swindon Borough Council, West Berkshire County Council and Oxfordshire County Council. OCC contribution NOT currently under review: agreed until 2013)
- Shrivenham and Watchfield are linked with Swindon by daily service 66 (subsidised elements also under review: see items L and M)
- Bourton is linked with Swindon by Monday to Saturday service 65 (also under review: see item K)

NOTE: Dial-a-Ride services are aimed at those who have difficulty in using conventional public transport. This should be considered when evaluating the benefit of the above alternative services for the communities served.

Current subsidy per annum: £5,656

Number of passenger journeys Dec 2009-November 2010: 478

Average number of passengers per Friday: 9.76

Cost per passenger journey £11.83

Comments from consultation

No comments received

Prices sought

Price requested from Swindon Dial-a-Ride for continuation of current service

OTHER SERVICES

ITEM R

Service 43

Contract V6: Appleton-Eaton-Fyfield-Tubney-Gozzards Ford-Cothill-Dry Sandford-Abingdon

Weekly shoppers' service linking the villages listed below to Abingdon

| | |
|--------------------------|---|
| Operator | Whites Coaches |
| Days of operation | Thursday only |
| Frequency | Single return trip |
| Parishes served | Appleton w/Eaton, Fyfield and Tubney, Longworth, Hinton Waldrist, Marcham (includes Gozzards Ford), St Helen Without (includes Cothill and Dry Sandford), Wootton |

Alternative services

- Appleton with Eaton, Fyfield and Tubney, Longworth and Hinton Waldrist are linked with Oxford by off-peak service 63 (also under review: see item J)
- Appleton with Eaton and Fyfield and Tubney are linked with Oxford by peak hour service 66 (also under review: see item L)
- The main residential areas of Wootton are served by Oxford Bus daily commercial service 4: however Lashford Lane has no other bus service
- Gozzards Ford, Dry Sandford and Cothill have no other bus service

Current subsidy per annum: £3,150

Average passengers per day: 26

Cost per passenger journey: £2.34

Comments from consultation

Appleton and Eaton: retain service 63 in preference to service 43 if choice is necessary

Bus Users UK: retain service, but curtail at Abingdon Town Centre if patronage insufficient to Health Centre

Hinton Waldrist: 43 fills gap in 63 service (which does not currently operate on Thursday)

St Helen Without: run 43 on Monday rather than Thursday if only one day per week

Prices sought

PT/V6A: Current timetable (Monday only)

PT/V6B: Current timetable (Thursday only)

PT/V6C: Current timetable (Monday and Thursday)

Additionally the Special Transport Service Fleet Manager was advised of the potential suitability of this contract for fleet operation: details of any prices received are contained in Supplementary Exempt Annex 2.

ITEM S

Service 90

Contract C31: Heyfords-Middle Barton-Barfords-Banbury

Weekly shoppers' service linking the villages listed below to Banbury

This service has been withdrawn commercially by Heyfordian Travel, and is being subsidised until December while a review of its long-term viability is conducted

| | |
|--------------------------|--|
| Operator | Heyfordian Travel |
| Days of operation | Thursday only |
| Frequency | Single return trip via all villages listed |
| Parishes served | Lower Heyford, Upper Heyford, Steeple Barton, Sandford St Martin, Worton, Duns Tew, Deddington, Barford St John and St Michael, Milton, Adderbury, Banbury |

Alternative services

- Adderbury and Deddington are also linked with Banbury and Oxford by broadly hourly Monday to Saturday services 59/59A (Stagecoach)
- Duns Tew and Middle Barton are also linked with Banbury and Oxford by Monday to Saturday service 59A (Stagecoach: 3 off-peak journeys to Banbury/from Oxford, 4 from Banbury/to Oxford plus single morning peak hour journey to Banbury/Oxford and evening peak journeys back)
- Lower Heyford and Upper Heyford are also linked with Oxford and Bicester by broadly hourly Monday to Saturday peak/off-peak service 25A (Heyfordian)
- Sandford St Martin is linked with Chipping Norton on Wednesday and Saturday (Heyfordian: single return trip)
- Worton, Barford St John and St Michael, Milton and Hempton have no other bus service

Current subsidy per annum: £3,881

Average passengers per day: 23

Cost per passenger journey: £3.26

Comments from consultation

Bus Users UK: retain service. Minor route revisions suggested

Steeple Barton: retain service for 'social group' who make trip to Banbury

Upper Heyford: retain and enhance service 90 to Banbury

Prices sought

PT/C31A: current level of service

Additionally the Special Transport Service Fleet Manager was advised of the potential suitability of this contract for fleet operation: details of any prices received are contained in Supplementary Exempt Annex 2.