

SERVICE UPDATE

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UPDATE:

At the Council meeting on 5 March 2025, it was agreed to: *“Procure night bus services across five key routes between Aberdeen city centre and Aberdeenshire for 2025/26-2028/29 up to the sum of £400,000 for the total contract cost.”*

This service update provides an overview of services to be operated.

5 night bus services have been awarded to First Bus Aberdeen, following mini-competition under the Dynamic Purchasing System for Passenger Transport.

The five routes are to provide services to the areas which saw the highest uptake during the period night bus services were operated between November 2024 and January 2025. The services will operate from Saturday 28th June 2025 on all Friday evenings/Saturday mornings and Saturday evenings/Sunday mornings.

The services will operate departures from the city centre and are as follows:

- N1, City Centre (Alford Place) - Danestone, via Seaton, Dubford and Ashwood
 - Four journeys will operate, with departures between midnight and 3:15am.
- N17, City Centre (Union Terrace) – Inverurie, via Great Northern Road, Bucksburn, Dyce, Blackburn and Kintore
 - Three journeys will operate, with departures between midnight and 3:00am.
- N23, City Centre (Bridge Street) - Kingswells, via Summerhill and Sheddocksley
 - Four journeys will operate, with departures between 00:10 and 3:15am.
- N201, City Centre (Bridge Street) - Banchory, via Mannofield, Cults, Bielside, Milltimber and Peterculter
 - Four journeys will operate, with departures between 00:30 and 3:10am. Two journeys will terminate in Peterculter and two will extend to Banchory.
- N18, City Centre (Bridge Street) - Cove/Charleston via Kincorth
 - Four journeys will operate, with departures between midnight and 3:00am.

First Aberdeen's fare structure will apply on the service and allow the use of both Concessionary and Under 22's National Entitlement Cards.

Initially it was intended to operate extensions to Westhill and Stonehaven, via Portlethen and Newtonhill, however Stagecoach North Scotland will be introducing commercial night bus services to these destinations, commencing from Friday 11th July 2025.

The services will be promoted widely through the Council's communication channels, website, social media and with on-street posters. In addition, radio adverts will be utilised and both Aberdeen Inspired and Aberdeenshire Council will promote the services through their various communication channels. First Aberdeen will also be undertaking extensive promotional activities. Promotional activities will be ongoing with additional campaigns being undertaken at key times in the year, such as the start of the university academic year and Christmas.