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Dear Sir/Madam

Garioch Area Bus Forum

I write to invite you to the next meeting of the Garioch Area Bus Forum, which will be held as follows:

**7.30 pm to 9.00 pm on Thursday 6th September 2018
Friendship Room, Kemnay Village Hall**

I enclose an Agenda along with relevant background papers. In an effort to reduce our carbon footprint, a duplicate copy of the previous meeting's minutes has not been included with this letter. The latest minutes can be obtained from our website, and paper copies will be available at the upcoming meeting. Should you require a paper copy of the minutes prior to the meeting, please contact Stuart Copland (Tel 01467 532867). In addition, if you are currently receiving postal correspondence and would like to change to email, please let us know.

Should you require transport to/from the meeting, please contact Stuart Copland (Tel 01467 532867) by noon on Monday 3rd September 2018.

Yours faithfully

**Neil Stewart
Principal Officer
Local Services**

GARIOCH AREA BUS FORUM

**Friendship Room
Kemnay Village Hall
Thursday 6th September 2018
7.30pm – 9.00pm**

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introduction
2. Minutes of Meeting on 22nd March 2018
3. Matters arising from the Minutes
4. Stagecoach Bluebird: Update
5. Aberdeenshire Council: Update
6. Bus Service Requests/Development
7. Public Transport Infrastructure/Information
8. Bus Service Discussion
 - *Newmachar, Blackburn and Kintore Areas*
 - *Kemnay Area*
 - *Inverurie Area*
 - *Westhill, Skene and Echt Areas*
 - *Insch, Oyne and Pitcaple areas*
 - *Other Areas*
9. A.O.B.
10. Next Meeting

GARIOCH AREA : Summary of Local Bus Services (as at August 2018) (continued overleaf)

Service Number	Service Route	Operator	Days of Operation	General Daily Frequency	Commercial / Subsidised	Contract Number	Local Bus Support (18-19)
10	Invermess - Elgin - Huntly - Inverurie - Aberdeen	Stagecoach Bluebird	Daily	Hourly	Mostly Commercial	SL9	£358
X17	Echt / Broadshades - Westhill - Aberdeen	Stagecoach Bluebird	Monday - Saturday Sunday	4 Buses per Hour Half-Hourly	Mostly Commercial	SL7 / SL22	£5,231
X20	Alford / Kemnay - Aberdeen	Stagecoach Bluebird	Monday - Saturday Sunday	Hourly 5 Return Journeys	Mostly Commercial	SL2	£19,522
22	Inverurie Town Service	Stagecoach Bluebird	Monday - Saturday	Hourly	Subsidised	NL49	£95,427
35	Elgin - Banff - Macduff - Oldmeldrum - Aberdeen	Stagecoach Bluebird	Monday - Saturday Sunday	Half-Hourly Hourly	Mostly Commercial	NL1 / NL2 / NL3 / NL4	£43,221
37	Inverurie - Kintore - Blackburn - Aberdeen	Stagecoach Bluebird	Monday - Sunday	Half-Hourly	Commercial	N/A	N/A
41	Insch - Inverurie	Stagecoach Bluebird	Monday - Saturday	Hourly	Mostly Subsidised	NL53	£62,283
41A	Huntly - Insch - Inverurie	Stagecoach Bluebird	Monday - Friday SDO	1 Return Journey	Subsidised	NS644K-L*	£1,843
49	Ellon - Oldmeldrum - Inverurie	Stagecoach Bluebird	Monday - Friday Saturday	6 Return Journeys 5 Return Journeys	Subsidised	NL47	£103,800
218	Alford - Westhill/Aberdeen	Stagecoach Bluebird	Monday - Friday Saturday	5 Return Journeys 3 Return Journeys	Mostly Subsidised	SL29 / SL30	£128,425
221	Inverurie - Kemnay - Inverurie	Stagecoach Bluebird	Schooldays	3 Return Journeys	Mostly Subsidised	SS654A-L*	N/A
230	Insch - Strathdon	Stagecoach Bluebird	Monday - Friday SDO	1 Return Journey	Commercial	N/A	N/A
240	Oldmeldrum - Inverurie - Kemnay	Bains Coaches	Monday - Friday	Every 40 mins	Commercial	N/A	N/A
240	Oldmeldrum - Inverurie	Stagecoach Bluebird	Saturday	3 Return Journeys	Subsidised	NL48	£5,275
248	New Byth - Woodhead - Inverurie	Stagecoach Bluebird	Thursday	1 Return Journey	Subsidised	NL43	£4,192
305	Oldmeldrum - Aberdeen	Bains Coaches	Monday - Friday	3 Return Journeys	Commercial	N/A	N/A
308	Aberchirder / Rothienorman - Inverurie	Stagecoach Bluebird	Monday - Friday Saturday	4 Return Journeys 2 Return Journeys	Subsidised	NL40	£66,173

CODES: * Excludes School Transport funding

TOTAL: £535,753

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Service Number	Service Route	Operator	Days of Operation	General Daily Frequency	Commercial / Subsidised	Contract Number	Local Bus Support (18-19)
402	Kingseat - Hatton of Fintray - Blackburn - Inverurie	J & M Burns	Thursday	1 Return Journey	Subsidised	NL44	£6,441
403	Kingseat - Kinnuck - Inverurie	J & M Burns	Tuesday	1 Return Journey	Subsidised	NL45	£6,188
416	Rhynie - Clatt - Auchleven - Inverurie	Stagecoach Bluebird	Tuesday	1 Return Journey	Subsidised	NL50	£121
417	Lumsden - Rhynie - Inch	Bain's Coaches	Monday - Friday	1 Return Journey	Subsidised	NL52	£42,814
420	Kemnay/Monymusk - Aberdeen	Stagecoach Bluebird	Monday - Friday Saturday	3 Return Journeys 2 Return Journeys	Subsidised	SL3	£101,324
421	Alford / Kemnay - Inverurie	Stagecoach Bluebird	Monday - Friday Saturday Sunday	6 Return Journeys 9 Return Journeys 3 Return Journeys	Subsidised	SL4	£135,525
422	Insch - Alford	Stagecoach Bluebird	Monday - Saturday Sunday	5 Return Journeys 1 Return Journey	Commercial	N/A	N/A
452	Fraserburgh - New Deer - Inverurie	Stagecoach Bluebird	Tuesday	1 Return Journey	Subsidised	NL41	£2,984
777	Oldmeldrum - Inverurie - Westhill - Airport/ Kirkehill	Bains Coaches	Monday - Friday	1 Return Journey	Mostly Subsidised	NL62	£31,591
N37	Aberdeen - Inverurie Nightbird Service	Stagecoach Bluebird	Early Sat & Sun a.m.	2 Return Journeys	Commercial	N/A	N/A
N17	Aberdeen - Westhill / Elrick Nightbird Service	Stagecoach Bluebird	Early Sat & Sun a.m.	4 Return Journeys	Commercial	N/A	N/A

TOTAL: £326,990

GRAND TOTAL: £862,742

GARIOCH AREA SERVICE REQUESTS

Fulfilled Service Requests (over last 12 months, as at August 2018)

No. Service	Request	Action	Date
1 Aberdeen - Alford (Service 218)	Request for the service to operate via Straik Road or Old Skene Road (Westhill), instead of Hays Way and the Interchange (Westhill Drive).	Fulfilled by Aberdeenshire Council and Stagecoach Bluebird. Service 218 now operates via Straik Road in Westhill.	08 Jan 2018

Pending Service Requests (as at August 2018)

No. Service	Request	Requested by
1 Aberdeen - Inverurie (Service 37)	Request for additional journeys between Kintore and Aberdeen to bridge the gap between 1530 hours and 1634 hours ex Kintore (Monday to Friday).	Garioch Area Bus Forum
2 Aberdeen - Inverurie (Service 37)	Request for journeys terminating at The Square (Kintore) to be registered to terminate at the north end of the town to serve extra bus stops.	Garioch Area Bus Forum
3 Aberdeen - Elgin (Service 35)	Request for a departure leaving Aberdeen at 2230 hours for those attending His Majesty's Theatre, as currently the last two departures are 2135 hours and 2325 hours.	Garioch Area Bus Forum