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Dear Sir/Madam

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Review of Supported Local Bus Services

I write to confirm that, as reported at the round of Area Bus Forums in February and March, a review of the Council's supported network of Local Bus and A2B dial-a-bus services has been undertaken in order to contain expenditure within the approved Budget allocation for 2017/2018.

As you may be aware, the Council provides such 'socially necessary services' to cater for what are considered travel needs that would, otherwise, be unmet through the provision of commercial bus services.

The review primarily focused on supported services which are performing relatively poorly, as indicated by the Performance Management Framework Model (PMFM), which was adopted by Aberdeenshire Council's Infrastructure Services Committee in 2010. The PMFM does not solely take into account the cost of contracts and associated subsidy per passenger, but also considers factors such as levels of car ownership, restricted mobility and primary journey purpose.

Details of the bus services in your Council Area, which will be withdrawn or rationalised with effect from 17 July 2017 are attached.

Should you require any further information or clarification regarding the matter please do not hesitate to contact myself or Susan Watt.

Yours sincerely

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