

Dear Councillors,

Plymouth Citybus have operated Service 46, Plymouth - Tavistock - Okehampton, since May 2014. The arrangement takes the form of a Devon County Council-contracted extension to Okehampton of the company's commercial operations between Plymouth and Tavistock. This has enabled them from the start to provide a greater level of service than the Council had originally specified, particularly with regard to through services to and from Plymouth.

Citybus are now making a number of changes, to take effect from Tuesday 29th March (i.e. after Easter Monday). This reflects their reduction in commercial provision between Plymouth and Tavistock and the knock-on effect on journeys north of Tavistock and is not brought about by any budgetary or other changes by the County Council.

The main changes are as follows:

- Some times are changed. Buses will now leave Tavistock Bus Station at 30 minutes past the hour instead of 25. The 1440 from Okehampton Fore Street will now leave at 1420.
- The 0930 and 1330 from Tavistock Bus Station and 1040 and 1420 from Okehampton Fore Street will operate direct from Mary Tavy to Lydford, and will not serve Brentor. This is because the 0930 and 1040 will be operated by a double-deck bus, so cannot operate under the old railway bridge at Lydford, while the bus which operates the 1330 and 1420 now needs to be back in Tavistock in time to operate the 1520 journey from Tavistock School.
- Some journeys will no longer operate as a through service to or from Plymouth – the 0725, 1140, 1420 and 1640 from Okehampton Fore Street and 0830, 1330, 1530 and 1740 from Tavistock Bus Station. It has been possible to retain some through journeys and alternative connections are available on Stagecoach 1/X1 between Tavistock and Plymouth.

Although the changes do involve some reductions, overall the service continues to offer an improved service compared to the original County Council tender specification. The revised timetable is attached.

Yours sincerely,

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