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Contactless Payments and Around Island £5 ('Staged') Fare signal Committee's intent for fresh approach to 2019 Bus Timetable and Fares

The Committee for the Environment & Infrastructure is seeking public comments on proposed changes to the 2019 Scheduled Bus Timetable and Fares. The revised fares are planned to be introduced from Monday 1st April with associated Itinerary and Timetable changes due to take effect on 29th April 2019.

The principal fare changes will see the introduction of new equipment to enable contactless technology in the summer, offering a quick and easy alternative method of payment for customers. This will be preceded by a new £5 Around Island ('Staged') Fare of £5 and other modest fare increases to Pay As You Go (PAYG) and other smart card products to be introduced with effect from 1st April 2019.

The Around Island ('Staged') Fare, in conjunction with the relocation of Route 91/92 services to Stand H at the Town Terminus and the operation of an enhanced 'Island Tour' public excursion service by Island Coachways is designed to relieve pressure from scheduled bus services on Cruise ship days. Operating exclusively from the Picquet House (Stand A), the Island Tour will offer a guided tour in air conditioned coaches with various photo opportunities along the route at a cost of £10 per passenger (£5 for children).

Proposed timetable changes will see the removal of the Route 62, introduced last year in an attempt to address overloading issues on Route 91/92 services, slight reductions in 'off-peak' service levels on Routes P2, 51 and 52 and the introduction of additional early evening services on a number of routes to provide an extended service during summer evenings.

A move away from 'clock-face' departures from the Town Terminus will reduce congestion at stops close to Town. As a result timings along certain routes will differ so the public are asked to familiarise themselves with the proposed changes.

A Gazette Notice detailing all of the proposed changes is published in today's Guernsey Press and further information is available at www.buses.gg and www.gov.gg/buses

The standard cash fare will remain unchanged at £1 as will the existing Nightowl service provided on Friday and Saturday nights.

The consultation period runs until Tuesday 26th March 2019 and the public are invited to submit comments in writing to The Director of Traffic and Highway Services, Bulwer Avenue Office, Bulwer Avenue, St. Sampson, GY1 3HY or by e-mail to traffic@gov.gg

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Notes to Media

A copy of the Gazette Notice detailing all proposed changes to the current timetable and fares is attached.

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