

Midlothian Council

Labour Group



Midlothian Council 22 September 2015

Notice of Motion

This Council is appalled that Lothian Buses has decided to reduce by half the number of 49 buses serving the communities of Midlothian. This decision has been taken without any consultation with users or community groups and effectively reduces this well used service to every 30 minutes Sunday to Friday and cuts vital links to the Royal infirmary and to the New Eskbank Railway station, which serves the newly opened Waverly line.

Service 40, the only cross county service in Midlothian, is having its Sunday route cut, which will require users to change buses as part of their journey. The 15 service has also been rerouted leaving numerous communities without a vital transport link.

Council agrees to contact Lothian Buses and demand that they convene a meeting of the Regional Sub Board, which allows minority shareholders an input, as a matter of urgency to discuss these cuts and the serious impact they will have on our communities. Council also requests that the reduction in service be stopped until this Board has met to allow communities to make representation and allow the Board to fully consider the implications of the decision.

Moved



COUNCILLOR DEREK MILLIGAN

Seconded



COUNCILLOR RUSSELL IMRIE