



Westmorland  
& Furness  
Council

Appendix 1

# **Bus Service Improvement Plan Plus Funding**



# Bus Service Improvement Plan Plus Funding - overview

- Allocated by Department for Transport in May 2023
- To target the actions that the Council and local operators believe will deliver the best overall outcomes in growing long term patronage, revenues and maintaining service levels whilst maintaining essential social and economic connectivity for local communities
- In addition, the grant may be used to ensure existing connections are maintained, increasing the frequency on key corridors or the operating hours of some services whilst reducing others or reducing fares or introducing new local concessions to open up new markets and revenue
- Funding allocated for 2023/24 and 2024/25
- Funding expected to 2028/29 from Network North



# Bus Service Improvement Plan Plus Funding - council approach

- Phase 2 DFT (BSIP+) funding - - £824, 260
- Phase 3 DFT (BSIP +) funding - £1,289,000 (= £812,260 + £1,289,000 from Network North)
- = £2,113,260
- Reports presented to Highways and Transport Strategic Board – 12/09/23, 03/10/23 and 23/01/24
- Phase 1 : 12 routes withdrawn or reduced in previous 5 years
- Tender invitations issued in mid-December 2023 and tender awards confirmed in mid-January 2024
- Phase 2 : list of potential routes compiled, subject to public consultation
- Phase 2 : Stakeholder Engagement Plan produced
- Report to Highways and Transport Strategic Board - 04/06/24
- Decision making responsibility delegated to Director of Thriving Places in consultation with Leader of the Council, Cabinet Member for Transport and Environmental Services, Director of Resources and Chief Legal and Monitoring Officer



# Barrow :

## List of potential BSIP+ Schemes

Service			Also in
1. Bigger Bank - Hawcoat	Improve frequency of Sunday service		
2. Town Hall – West Shore	Add Evening Service		
	Improve frequency of Sunday service		
3. Newbarns - Ormsgill	Improve frequency of Sunday service		
4. Holbeck Park - Hindpool	Improve daytime frequency to every 20 minutes (from 30 minutes)		
6. Barrow - Windermere	Improve Daytime frequency	✓	South Lakeland
	Add extra early and late journeys for access to work		South Lakeland
X6. Barrow - Kendal	Improve daytime frequency from every 60 to every 30 minutes		South Lakeland
	Add earlier arrival in Barrow from Kendal		South Lakeland



# Eden (1 of 2) :

## List of potential BSIP+ Schemes

Service			Also in
104 : Carlisle - Penrith	Increase frequent from every 60 to every 30 minutes	✓	Cumberland
104 : Carlisle - Penrith	Increase Sunday frequency from every 120 to every 60 minutes		
105 : Greystoke - Penrith	Offer new Daily service, possibly with links to other areas (for example Settle - Carlisle line at Langwathby)		
106 : Kendal - Shap - Penrith	Improve days of operation to Monday to Saturday and improve frequency		South Lakeland
508 : Windermere - Penrith	Improve Summer (2025) frequency to every 60 minutes from every 120 minutes		South Lakeland
561 : Appleby - Kendal	Re-introduce Wednesday service (using Council school transport vehicle)		South Lakeland



# Eden (2 of 2) :

## List of potential BSIP+ Schemes

Service			Also in
<b>563 : Penrith - Kirkby Stephen</b>	Re-introduce regular service from Kirkby Stephen - Penrith, six days a week, possibly with service at peak times.	✓ (part)	
<b>646 : Penrith Town Service</b>	Introduce early morning and later afternoon service - to complement existing daytime service		
<b>680 : Nenthead - Carlisle</b>	Re-introduce service twice a week - possible start one day at Garigill instead of Nenthead	✓	Cumberland
<b>UB1 : Ullswater Service</b>	Support new services provided on behalf of Sustainable Ullswater		
<b>X4/X5 : Keswick - Penrith</b>	Double frequency from every 60 to every 30 minutes to improve rail connections at Penrith	✓	Cumberland
<b>X5 : Workington - Penrith</b>	Maintain hourly Sunday Service through Winter		Cumberland



# South Lakeland (1 of 3) :

## List of potential BSIP+ Schemes

Service			Also In
6 : Barrow - Windermere	Improve Daytime frequency		Barrow
6: Barrow - Windermere	add extra early and late journeys for access to work	✓	Barrow
40 : Kendal Town [Sundays]	Retain previously Developer Funded service	✓	
106 : Kendal - Shap – Penrith	Improve days of operation to Monday to Saturday and improve frequency (working with existing local funding group and their operator)		Eden
505 : Coniston – Ambleside	Offer earlier journeys for work		
508 : Windermere – Penrith	Improve Summer (2025) frequency to every 60 minutes from every 120 minutes		Eden



# South Lakeland (2 of 3) :

## List of potential BSIP+ Schemes

Service			Also in
<b>516 : Dungeon Ghyll - Ambleside</b>	Offer earlier journeys for work		
<b>532 : Cartmel - Grange</b>	Offer extra journeys three days a week to compliment the 530 to Kendal	✓	
<b>552 : Arnside - Kendal</b>	Improve frequency from three to six days a week	✓	
<b>555 : Keswick - Kendal</b>	Improved Evening service		Cumberland Lancashire
<b>561 : Appleby - Kendal</b>	Re-introduce Wednesday service (using Council school transport vehicle)		Eden
<b>564 : Sedbergh - Kendal</b>	Re-introduce service to replace withdrawn Woof's of Sedbergh service. Potential extra enhancements	✓	





# South Lakeland (3 of 3) :

## List of potential BSIP+ Schemes

Service			Also in
<b>567 : Kendal - Kirkby Lonsdale</b>	Improve frequency to make better connections with service from Settle for access to/from Leeds-Settle-Carlisle rail line		
<b>597 : Windermere Town Service</b>	Improve days of operation from two to three	✓	
<b>11 / X12 : Coniston - Barrow</b>	Work with operator and X112 group to design and improved timetable. Possibly six days a week (X12) and access to Education (X12)		
<b>X6 : Barrow - Kendal</b>	Improve daytime frequency from every 60 to every 30 minutes  Earlier arrival in Barrow from Kendal		Barrow  Barrow



# Consultation journey:

- Between March 19th and April 30th, 2024, key stakeholders and members consulted, to inform the Council's decision around how BSIP+ funding is allocated.
- Emails to members and Stakeholders
- Online public consultation, with paper copies available to complete in libraries – 600 responses received
- Locality Board presentations: Barrow, Eden, South Lakes, held in March
- Town & Parish Councils: Furness, Eden, South Lakes - April
- Stakeholder Engagement meeting – 25.03.24
- Online public drop-in feedback session – 24.04.24
- Face to face public drop-in sessions: Barrow, Grange Over Sands, Kendal, Penrith, Sedbergh, Kirkby Stephen, Ulverston - April
- All completed sessions well attended with positive engagement from attendees



# Funding

- Revenue funding so can also be used for
  - Fares Experiments
  - Marketing of new services
  - Expansion of Demand Responsive Transport
- Cannot be used for Capital projects such as
  - Bus shelters
  - Realtime Information Screens
  - New vehicles

