

# Biddulph Town Council



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**RE: 93 BUS SERVICE**

At a confidential meeting of the Town Council on 20 July 2018, Biddulph Town Council agreed to make up the shortfall towards the running costs of a new 93 bus service. It is envisaged that this service will begin from early August and will run until mid- January 2019. The Town Council's contribution accounts for approximately half the cost of the service, which has been commissioned by Staffordshire County Council.

At the meeting, Councillors received information in relation to the number of people that use the service and the likely route. There was cross-party consensus that, although the provision of a bus service is not the usual function of a Town Council, this important public service should not be lost.

The new 93 service will be a circular route that will cover the same areas as the previous service, without the extension to Leek. The Town Council wished to ensure that residents from around Biddulph are connected with services in the town, and other bus routes in the area.

Biddulph Town Councillors noted that the 93 service, in its previous form, was not well used. Councillor McGuinness, Mayor of Biddulph, stated 'Biddulph Town Council is united in the view that public transport is important to connect all five wards in Biddulph. However, the cost of running this service is significant, particularly if it is used by a very small number of people. We urge people to use this bus and to help find a sustainable solution over the coming months.'

More information in relation to the start date will be provided as soon as it is available.



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