

# **Moving Forward: The Future of Passenger Transport Services in Leicestershire**

**Services 120 / 155**

**Community Engagement Meeting  
Coalville**

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# Welcome and Introduction

- Financial context and passenger transport funding challenge
- Overview of Passenger Transport Policy and Strategy
- Details of review of Services 120 and 155
- Intended course of action for Services 120 and 155
- Potential community-led solutions
- Comments and Questions
- Next steps



# Financial Context

- The county council is under significant financial pressures
- Over the next 4 years the county council needs to find savings of £75 million across all areas
- At the same time it is facing increased demand on services



## Funding Passenger Transport in Leicestershire - The Challenge

- Most bus services in Leicestershire are operated on a commercial basis by a number of bus operators at no cost to the council tax payer
- Where there is not a commercial service, the council spends around £2.4m on passenger transport services
- Over 30 routes are supported
- Some bus services are being subsidised by as much as £13 per passenger journey



# Funding Passenger Transport in Leicestershire - The Challenge

- Despite these financial pressures, and unlike some authorities, we have not simply chosen to end our support for passenger transport services
- But we do have to save over £400,000
- We will still be spending around £2m per year, but we need to consider the most cost effective way of providing services



# Passenger Transport Policy and Strategy

- The county council has developed a new Passenger Transport Policy and Strategy
- To ensure that the passenger transport which it funds is fit for purpose and cost-effective
- All local bus services are being reviewed against the Policy and Strategy
- Services scored against an agreed scoring system



# Possible Outcomes from the Review Process

- Remove the bus service if it does not fit the policy
- Continue to operate the bus service in its current form
- Change the bus service (e.g. hours of operation, route, stops, combine with other bus services, etc.)
- Replace the bus service with a demand responsive transport (DRT) service
- Replace the bus service with a community-led solution



# Service 120



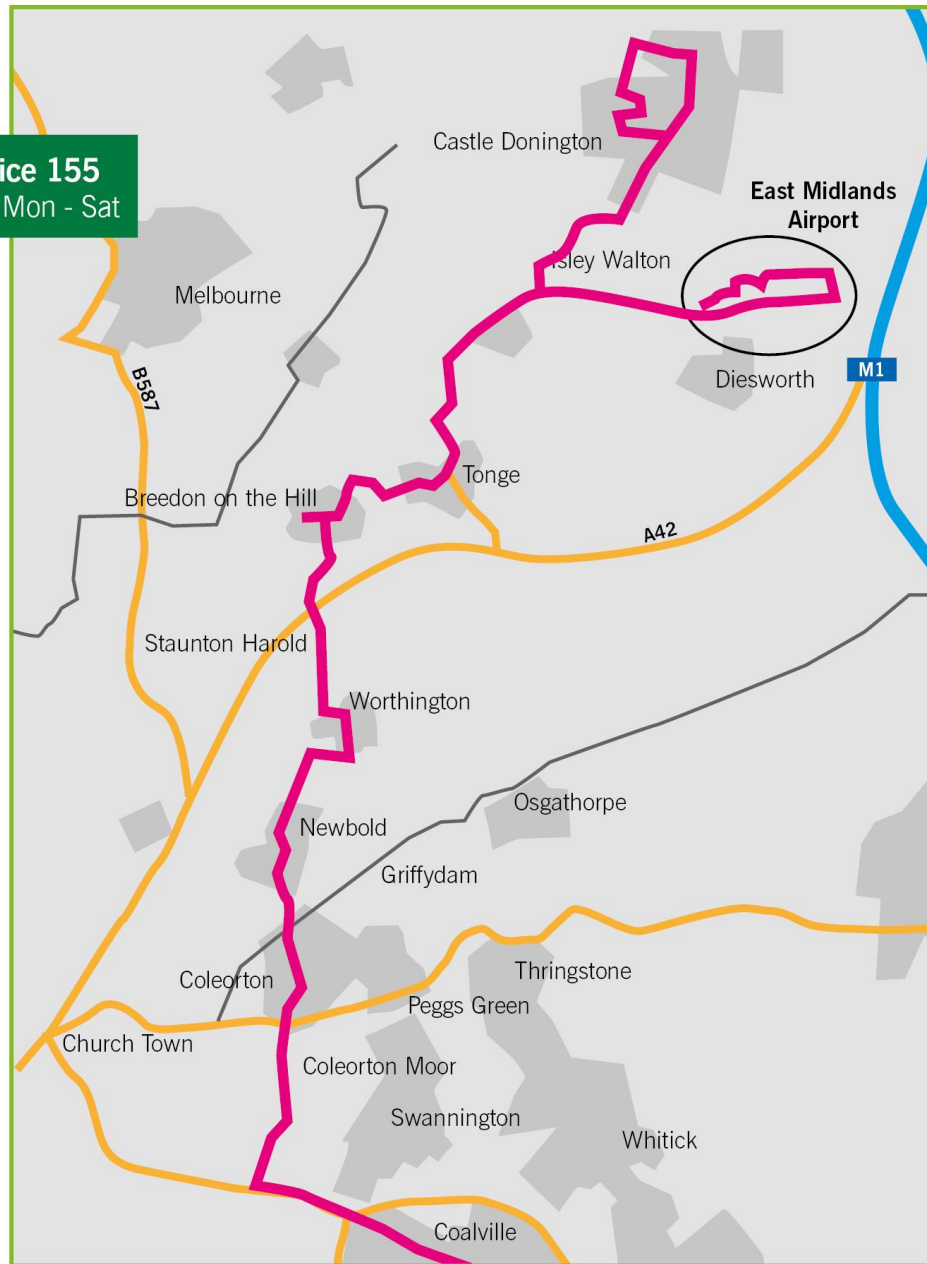
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2 hourly service Mon - Sat





# Service 155

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2 hourly service Mon - Sat



# Service Review Factors

- Initial review based on 3 factors
  - Cost per passenger kilometre – score out of 20
  - Access to other services – score out of 10
  - Journey purpose – score out of 5
  - Overall score – score out of 35
- The higher a service scored, the stronger the case for support by the council in the future
  - 25 or more – strong case for support
  - 20 to 24 – marginal case
  - less than 20 – weak case



# Initial Review of Services 120 and 155

	120	155
Number of passenger journeys per year	34,641	10,131
Annual cost of supporting the service	£82,700	£115,435
Cost per passenger journey	£2.39	£11.39
Average journey distance in km	14.40	15.55
Cost per passenger km	£0.17	£0.73



# Initial Review of Services 120 and 155 (continued)

	120	155
Cost score	16/20	2/20
Access to other services score	3/10	2/10
Journey purpose score	3/5	4/5
<b>OVERALL SCORE</b>	<b>22/35</b>	<b>8/35</b>

**Case for Support**

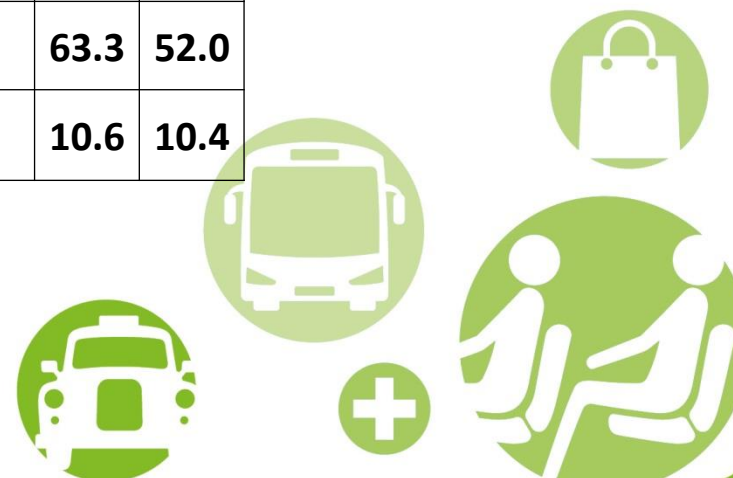
**Marginal**

**Weak**



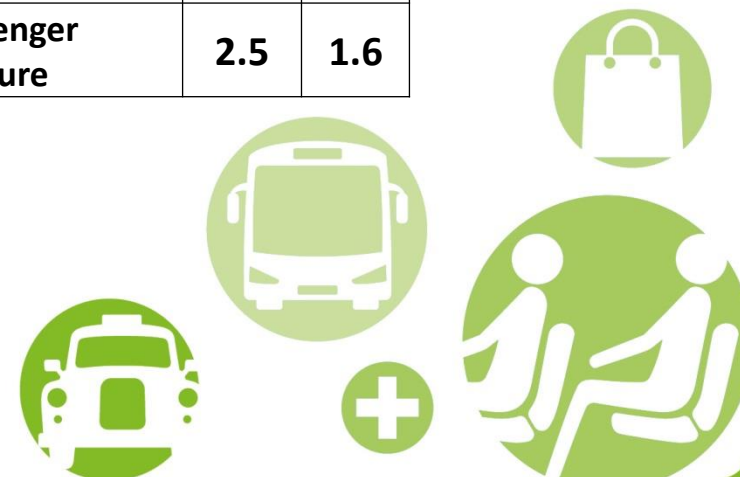
# Further Analysis of Service 120

Direction		Coalville - Leicester		Direction		Leicester - Coalville		
Departure	Mon - Fri	Sat	Departure	Mon - Fri	Sat	Departure	Mon - Fri	Sat
06:30	5.2		07:20	10.7				
08:13	12.0	8.7	09:13	11.9	7.7			
10:13	13.3	15.7	11:13	10.7	18.3			
12:13	12.3	13.3	13:13	9.6	9.3			
14:13	8.5	5.3	15:13	13.0	13.3			
16:35	5.5	5.7	17:45	7.4	3.3			
Total per day	56.7	48.7	Total per day	63.3	52.0			
Average single passenger journeys per departure	9.5	9.7	Average single passenger journeys per departure	10.6	10.4			



# Further Analysis of Service 155

Direction	Castle Donington - Coalville		Direction	Coalville - Castle Donington	
	Mon - Fri	Sat		Mon - Fri	Sat
Departure			Departure		
08:05	2.4	1.0	07:00	2.1	0.7
10:05	5.3	3.7	09:00	1.1	0.3
12:05	1.5	4.0	11:00	3.1	4.7
14:05	1.5	0.3	13:00	1.9	1.3
16:05	1.2	0.0	15:00	3.7	0.0
18:05	0.4	0.7	17:00	2.9	2.3
<b>Total per day</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>Total per day</b>	<b>14.9</b>	<b>9.3</b>
Average single passenger journeys per departure	2.1	1.6	Average single passenger journeys per departure	2.5	1.6



# Summary of Analysis

- Demand for morning peak time journey into Leicester and back to Coalville in the afternoon peak on Service 120
- Demand for off peak travel on Service 120
- Very limited demand for travel in the morning and afternoon peak periods on Service 155
- Low-level demand for travel in the off-peak period on Service 155
- Considered a demand responsive solution for Service 155
- Anticipated that users would prefer to retain a bus service



## Intended Course of Action

- To integrate the two local bus services into one service
- Leicester to Castle Donington via Coalville
- No longer serve East Midlands Airport
- Operate with one bus rather than two buses
- Service 125
- Mon – Sat service
- 4 return journeys per day between Leicester and Coalville
- 2 return journeys per day between Castle Donington and Coalville
- Retains access to Bradgate Park at a reduced frequency





# Outline indicative timetable between Coalville and Leicester

- Service 120

## Coalville to Leicester

07:30 – 08:25

11:00 – 11:55

14:30 – 15:25

16:30 – 17:25

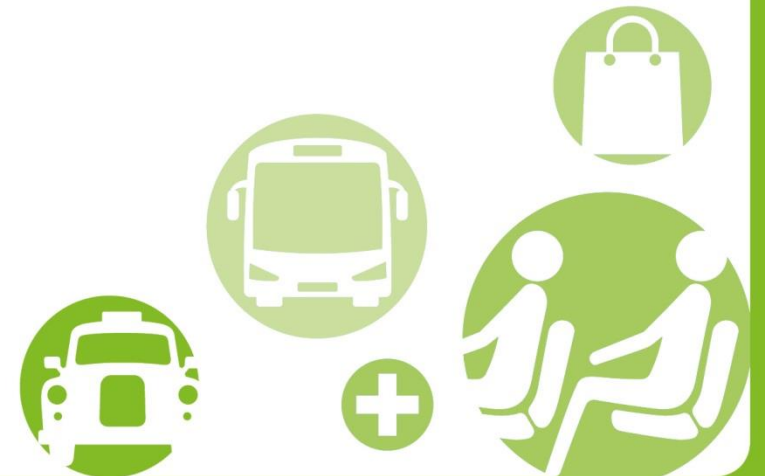
## Leicester to Coalville

08:30 – 09:25

12:00 – 12:55

15:30 – 16:25

17:30 – 18:25



# Outline indicative timetable between Coalville and Castle

## Donington

### Coalville to Castle Donington

09:30 – 10:12

13:00 – 13:42

### Castle Donington to Coalville

10:15 – 10:57

13:45 - 14:27

- 3.5 hour stay in Castle Donington
- 2 hour stay in Coalville



# Combined Service 125 Route Map



## Community-Led Options

- Recognise that certain journeys will no longer be available
- Happy to work with communities to shape local transport solutions that may complement the bus service
  - social car scheme
  - car sharing scheme
  - car club
  - good neighbour scheme
  - community minibus scheme
- Contact [ptps@leics.gov.uk](mailto:ptps@leics.gov.uk) or go to the website



# Questions and Comments



## Next Steps

- Any further comments
  - email [ptps@leics.gov.uk](mailto:ptps@leics.gov.uk)
  - call 0116 305 0001
  - write to: PTPS, Safe and Sustainable Travel Team, Environment and Transport, Room 700, County Hall, Glenfield, LE3 8RA
- Proposed start date for new service and timetable
  - January 2020



**Further information about the review  
and community-led solutions**

**[www.leicestershire.gov.uk/passenger-transport](http://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/passenger-transport)**

**Thank you for coming**

