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Dear Community Councillors

101/102 Bus Service

Thank you for your email dated 18 July regarding the 101/102 Bus Service. We have been working actively with our Local Authority partners and SWestrans to ensure that the communities of the Scottish Borders currently serviced by the 101/102 route continue to have access to local transport provision after the 14 August. I am pleased to be able to share the outcome of this work, please see the press release below which was issued on 20 July.

“SWestrans, Scottish Borders Council and SPT can confirm that they have jointly agreed to an extension of the 101/102 bus service under the current arrangements with the existing operator, Stagecoach West Scotland.

This extension will preserve the service at least until 31 March 2023 while further discussions continue with transport operators and funding partners to secure the long-term future of bus services to the communities served by the 101/102.

The three partners have agreed to fund the increased cost of the service for the remainder of financial year 2022/23. SWestrans, Scottish Borders Council and SPT would like to thank, individual correspondents, the communities along the route, and elected representatives for their work to raise awareness of the importance of bus services in rural areas.

Invitations to tender and discussions with communities for longer term solutions for the route will be undertaken during the autumn.”

I hope this helps provide some clarity and can re-assure you that Scottish Borders Council will play its full part in working with partners to deliver a sustainable longer-term solution to serve local communities.

Yours sincerely



**DAVID ROBERTSON
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