

**ROYAL BURGH OF WIGTOWN & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
CONSULTATIONS REPORT
NOVEMBER 2017**

CURRENT CONSULTATIONS

- a) **Review of the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils** – Dumfries & Galloway Council. Closing date: 27 October 2017

Revised response submitted following input from Nick Walker.

- b) **Consultation on Free Bus Travel for Older and Disabled People and Modern Apprentices** – Scottish Government. Closing date: 17 November 2017

The concessionary travel scheme for older and disabled people (“the Scheme”) improves access for older and disabled people to essential services and opens up participation in family and other social activities that would otherwise not be affordable, ultimately offering independence to people who rely on bus travel.

Draft response has been circulated for response and agreement.

- c) **Local Bus Services in Scotland – Improving the Framework for Delivery** – Scottish Government. Closing date: 5 December 2017

Bus services are important to the people of Scotland with around 400 million (three quarters of all public transport) journeys made by bus. However, the sector faces significant challenges with the overall number of passenger journeys decreasing and service cutbacks in some places which can leave communities without a public transport option.

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- d) **The NHS Dumfries & Galloway Out of Hours Service** – NHS Dumfries & Galloway. Closing date: not known

As part of upcoming changes, including a move to the new DGRI site in December 2017, NHS D&G are reviewing how they can improve their Out of Hours Service. The link takes individuals to a short survey that they say “will help and inform future Out of Hours service provision in Dumfries & Galloway”. It should take at most 5 min to complete the survey. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/5W6FYHV>.

The survey has 19 questions with only four questions directly referring to the Out of Hours Service. It starts by asking 10 questions to establish age, location, gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, marital status, religion and whether or not I am pregnant or have given birth in the past year.

FORTHCOMING CONSULTATIONS

No Forthcoming Consultation