

## APPENDIX 6: Local Transport Arrangement Draft Routes:

The commercial bus network within Flintshire is primarily concentrated in urban areas where service patronage is high. In rural areas the financial viability of services is low and the commercial network is insufficient, so local authorities provide local bus services to fill any gaps in the network through stand alone contracts of providing support to commercial routes to expand their services. Figure 1 details the extent of the current commercial bus network, clearly highlighting areas that would not be serviced if the Authority did not provide



Fig. 1 – Commercial bus network

### Proposed changes to the supported bus network

As an outcome to the consultation option three of supporting the core bus network and introducing local travel arrangements was the preferred option. The following are proposals on the subsidised bus network to accommodate these arrangements.

Subsidised services along the core network (Appendix 1) will be maintained as these are strategic corridors for connecting communities to key hubs and for linking to ongoing journeys out of the authority for purposes of employment, health social needs etc.

## Core Network

Contracted bus services which operate along the core network and are to be retained:

**Service 1/X1/2** – Mold to Ruthin

**Service 14** – Mold to Denbigh

**Service 5/5A** – Mold –Buckley – Queensferry – Deeside Industrial Park

**Service D1, D2, D3** – Flint – Connahs Quay – Deeside Industrial Park

De-minimis support to be retained for commercial services **3, 4/4A, X4, 28, 11 & 18** to support areas / times on the core network that commercial services do not operate.

## Non-Core Network

Contracted bus services off the core network that are to be withdrawn in favour of implementing local travel arrangements are:

**Service 14A** - Pen-Y-Maes – Holywell – Carmel – Gorsedd – Caerwys

**Service 14C** - Pen-y-Maes – Holywell – Carmel – Gorsedd – Cilcain – Mold

**Service – 22/22A** - Holway-Holywell-Brynford-Holywell-Pen-y-Maes

**Service 23** - Greenfield – Holywell – Brynford – Holywell Community Hospital

**Service 21A/B** - Buckley Local Service

**Service 8** - Sealand Manor – Queensferry – Shotton – Northop Hall – Northop – Mold

**Service 9/X9** - Mold – Northop Hall-C'Quay – Q'Ferry – Chester/Wrexham (via Higher Kinnerton/Hope)

**Service 40** - Mold – Nercwys – treuddyn – Llanfynydd – Ffrith – Cymau – Abermorddu – Wrexham

**Service 63** - Higher Kinnerton – Hope – Caergwrle – Treuddyn – Nercwys - Mold

De-minimis support for commercial services off the core to be withdrawn:

**Service 11** - support for 06.00 & 08.25 service (Monday to Saturday) and Services 19:27 & 21:50 Mold to Chester and 20:45 & 23:00 Chester to Mold

**Service 126** - Support to operate service (school transport support not affected)

**Service 12** - Support to serve Mancot and Sandycroft villages

**Service 6/6A** - Contracted service for early morning and late afternoon journeys Mold – Pantymwyn

## Proposed New Routes

Commitment has been given to provide a service to all areas that currently benefit from a subsidised bus route and have no alternative service provision. Gaps within the network, presented during the public consultation, have been considered and included.

### Proposed Local Travel Arrangement Route structure

Include Cilcain on contracted **Service 14** and improve links to Nannerch– Mold - Denbigh

Holywell – Brynford – Ysceifiog - Lixwm

Holywell – Holway – Carmel – Gorsedd – Caerwys

Greenfield – Bagillt (boot end) – Pen-y-Maes – Holywell (inc Hospital)

Buckley – Circular route - Drury – Penyffordd (Vounog Hill)- Broughton

Northop - Northop Hall – Ewloe – Connahs Quay (inc. Wepre lane/Wepre park//Llwyni Drive/Mold Road)

Sealand Manor – Queensferry – Mancot – Sandycroft – Saltney Ferry – Bretton - Broughton.

Mold – Nercwys – Treuddyn – Llanfynydd – Ffrith – Cymau – Cefy-y-Bedd - Abermorddu – Caergwrle – Higher Kinnerton – Broughton

### **School Transport Routes to be provided by in house Service**

Four School transport routes have been identified to be incorporated into the local travel arrangement routes. These are:

Holywell – Rhewl, Mostyn, Lloc, Whitford to Ysgol Gwenffrwd/St Winefrides, Holywell

Afon Wen – Caerwys to Ysgol Glan Clwyd, St Asaph

Garden City – Queensferry to Queensferry Community Primary / Venerable Edward Morgan Primary

Cymau – Penyffordd to Castell Alun, Hope.

### **Commercial Network**

Should any commercial bus route provision change then proposed local travel arrangements will be adapted. The local authority cannot provide a local bus route where commercial bus services operate therefore local travel arrangements will be restricted to areas where there is no commercial provision only.

There is a possibility that commercial operators will adapt services in response to the network review. This could be in the way of introducing new commercial bus services where subsidised routes once operated, withdraw their current routes due to commercial viability or change their current routes e.g. directions/timetables.