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Cllr Robert Gould
Leader, Dorset CC

By e-mail

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Dear Robert

DCC Public Consultation regarding Yellow Bus Services 24 and 111

Thanks in large part to local activity organised by one of our members (West Christchurch RA) the recent DCC public consultation concerning these buses received over 1,000 replies.

However, it now appears that DCC had decided to remove the subsidy from these routes before it undertook the public consultation, thereby rendering the whole exercise an expensive and potentially damaging farce that has huge ramifications given the large public consultation on reorganisation that is due to take place this coming August-September.

We have struggled to understand DCC's actions and it is our suspicion that DCC Officers took the view that Christchurch would no longer be a part of shire-Dorset in the relatively near future and it therefore made sense to save money now by removing the subsidy from these Christchurch buses. They then undertook the fake consultation to enable them to tick the right bureaucratic boxes.

If true this represents a disgraceful state of affairs that potentially brings the whole process of public consultation into disrepute. We believe that DCC has some explaining to do and look forward to hearing your suggestions as to how that might be best achieved.

Yours sincerely

Jim Biggin
Secretary

Christchurch Citizens; Friars Cliff; Grange; Highcliffe; Somerford;
Stanpit and Mudeford; Winkton; West Christchurch