

SALISBURY CITY COUNCIL

Subject : Request for Support – Sunday Bus Service (Salisbury–Swindon X5)
Committee : The Planning Committee
Date : 22 September 2025
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1. Report Summary:

1.1 Upavon Parish Council have approached Salisbury City Council with a request to support a Sunday bus service between Salisbury Train Station and Swindon.

1.2 The request is for initial backing, which will be taken by Upavon Parish Council to Wiltshire Council as a formal request to reinstate the service. Other councils along the route have also been asked to provide support.

2. Background:

2.1 The Bus Services (No.2) Bill states ‘Where a socially necessary route has been identified in accordance with section 138A(15) of the Transport Act 2000, and no alternative operator has implemented the service within a period of six months, the relevant local authority must take reasonable steps to implement a service on the socially necessary route as far as is reasonably practicable.’

2.2 This service existed previously, and it is envisaged the existing resources at Pewsey, together with a revised service between Marlborough and Swindon, could be utilised to provide the link.

2.3 There is no request for funding at this stage, and the council does not expect this to be forthcoming.

3. Recommendation:

3.1 It is recommended that the Committee:

3.1.1 Support the request for a Sunday bus service between Salisbury and Swindon.

Wards Affected: All

Background papers: None

Implications:

Financial: None

Legal: None

Personnel: None

Environmental Impact: Supports Climate Declaration

Equalities Impact Statement: None