

Bus Service Tender Results

Since deregulation of bus services in October 1986, the County Council has been required by law (the Transport Act 1985) to make available for public inspection the results of tenders received for supported local bus service contracts.

The Council is permitted to award certain low-cost ('de minimis') or short-term contracts without competitive tender and to award negotiated contracts if no acceptable tenders are received.

This publication contains details of tender awards made in the period January to December 2020. A separate list of 'de minimis' and funding agreements made at the same time are included in Parts 2 and 3.

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April 2021

OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – TENDERS FOR LOCAL BUS SERVICES

PART 1 – CONTRACTS AWARDED

The County Council has accepted the following tenders as a result of local bus service procurement exercises in Oxfordshire.

The Council accepted the lowest tender for each service unless otherwise stated, as representing the most effective and economic application of funds at its disposal. The sums shown are the amounts of subsidy payable, in accordance with tender prices, for the **first year** of each contract. Prices are subject to alteration in subsequent years.

January 2020

Contract number	Description of service	Valid tenders received	Successful tenderer and £/annum	Highest tender	Contract period
I-0823	Barton Park – John Radcliffe Hospital (Monday to Saturday, <30 min service)	3	Wallingford Coach Ltd (£128,710)	£194,675	30.03.2020 to 02.01.2021

April 2020

Contract number	Description of service	Valid tenders received	Successful tenderer and £/annum	Highest tender	Contract period
I-0577	Service 250: Bicester – Heyford Park – Oxford (Monday to Saturday, 60 min service)	5	Hallmark Connections Ltd (£239,200)	£436,800	06.07.2020 to 31.12.2022

July 2020

Contract number	Description of service	Valid tenders received	Successful tenderer and £/annum	Highest tender	Contract period
I-0195/1	Barton Park – Oxford City Centre (Monday to Saturday 30 min service, Sundays & Public Holidays 60 min service)	2	City of Oxford Motor Services Ltd (£200,000)	£318,773	04.01.2021 to 31.12.2028
I-0195/2	Service X2: Didcot – Abingdon (Monday to Saturday 20 min service, Sundays & Public Holidays 30 min service)	1	Thames Travel (Wallingford) Ltd (£200,000)	-	04.01.2021 to 03.01.2027
I-0195/3	Service 36: Wantage – Grove – Milton Park – Didcot (Monday to Saturday 30 min service)	3	Thames Travel (Wallingford) Ltd (£325,000)	£523,506	04.01.2021 to 31.12.2028
I-0195/4	Service B5: Banbury – Bretch Hill – Banbury (Monday to Saturday 15 min service, Sundays & Public Holidays 30 min service)	1	Thames Transit Ltd (£137,916.60)	-	12.10.2020 to 29.08.2021
I-0195/5	Service 20: Rose Hill – Cowley (Monday to Friday, 3 journeys) Service 45: Abingdon – Culham – Berinsfield – Cowley (Monday to Friday, 6 journeys plus additional peak services)	2	Thames Travel (Wallingford) Ltd (£115,200)	£212,333	01.09.2020 to 27.08.2022
I-0195/7	Service: Didcot – Great Western Park (South) (Monday to Saturday, 30 min service)	4	Thames Travel (Wallingford) Ltd (£104,800)	£121,384	06.06.2021 to 04.09.2024
I-0195/8	Service B4: Hardwick Hill – Banbury (Monday to Saturday, 30 min)	1	Thames Transit Ltd (£170,140)	-	12.10.2020 to 29.08.2021

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I-0195/9	Service 63: Southmoor – Oxford (Monday to Friday, 5 journeys)	2	Pulham & Sons (Coaches) Ltd (£107,525)	£115,000	01.09.2020 to 30.08.2021
I-0195/10	Service X32: Didcot – Harwell – Wantage (Monday to Saturday evenings and Sundays & Public Holidays, 60 min service)	3	Thames Travel (Wallingford) Ltd (£61,700)	£106,739	30.08.2020 to 25.08.2024
I-0195/11	Service 33: Abingdon – Didcot (Sundays & Public Holidays, 60 min service)	3	Thames Travel (Wallingford) Ltd (£21,850)	£57,392	30.08.2020 to 29.08.2025
I-0195/12	Service 94: Harwell Campus/ Blewbury – Didcot (Monday to Saturday, 6 journeys)	3	Thames Travel (Wallingford) Ltd (£76,776)	£160,000	01.09.2020 to 25.03.2023
I-0195/13	Service 15: Witney – Southmoor – Abingdon (Monday to Saturday, 5 journeys) Service 19: Witney – Bampton – Carterton (Monday to Saturday, 8 journeys)	2	Pulham & Sons (Coaches) Ltd (£175,000)	£222,855	01.09.2020 to 30.08.2026
I-0195/14	Service 320: Chinnor – Princes Risborough (Monday to Friday, 60 min off-peak service)	3	Redline Buses Ltd (£44,604)	£67,800	01.09.2020 to 31.12.2021
I-0195/15	Service B9: Hardwick – Banbury – Banbury Gateway (Monday to Saturday, 30 min service and Sundays & Public Holidays, 60 min service)	1	Thames Transit Ltd (£144,565)	-	12.10.2020 to 05.11.2023
I-0195/16	Didcot – Culham Science Centre (Monday to Friday, 2-3 peak journeys)	2	Thames Travel (Wallingford) Ltd (£57,000)	£96,791	04.01.2021 to 02.09.2022

I-0195/19	Bicester – Graven Hill – Ambrosden (Monday to Friday, 30 min service; Saturday, 30 min peak service and Sundays & Public Holidays 1 journey)	3	Thames Transit Ltd (£142,500)	£276,860	04.01.2021 to 29.12.2024
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PART 2 – DE-MINIMIS AGREEMENTS

August/September 2020

Contract number	Description of service	Operator and £/annum	Contract period
20/11A	Service 11: Watlington – Chalgrove – Oxford (Monday to Friday, broadly 60 min service)	Thames Travel (Wallingford) Ltd (£50,000)	30.08.2020 to 28.08.2021
20/11B	Service 11: Watlington – Chalgrove – Oxford (Saturday, broadly 60 min service; Sundays & Public Holidays, 4-5 journeys)	Thames Travel (Wallingford) Ltd (£46,450)	30.08.2020 to 28.08.2021
20/40	Service 40: Thame – Chinnor – High Wycombe (Monday to Saturday evenings, 60 min service; Sundays & Public Holidays, 60 min service)	Carousel Buses Ltd (£46,700)	30.08.2020 to 28.08.2021
20/136	Service 136: Benson – Wallingford (Monday to Friday, peak and school journeys)	Thames Travel (Wallingford) Ltd (£22,600)	01.09.2020 to 26.08.2022
20/275	Service 275: High Wycombe – Chinnor – Oxford (Saturday, 4 journeys)	Red Rose Travel Ltd (£23,140)	01.09.2020 to 30.08.2021
20/488A	Service 488: Chipping Norton – Banbury (Monday to Saturday, various peak journeys)	Thames Transit Ltd (£65,532)	01.09.2020 to 30.08.2021
20/488B	Service 488: Chipping Norton – Banbury (Sundays & Public Holidays, 120 min service)	Thames Transit Ltd (£23,910)	01.09.2020 to 30.08.2021
20/S4A	Service S4: Banbury – Oxford (Monday to Saturday evenings, 1 journey; Saturday, 1 journey; Sundays & Public Holidays, 90 min service)	Thames Transit Ltd (£55,383)	01.09.2020 to 30.08.2021
20/S4B	Service S4: Banbury – Oxford (Monday to Saturday evenings, 2 journeys)	Thames Transit Ltd (£61,383)	01.09.2020 to 30.08.2021
20/X8	Service X8: Chipping Norton – Kingham Station (Monday to Friday, 5-6 peak journeys)	Pulham & Sons (Coaches) Ltd (£29,688.50)	01.09.2020 to 27.08.2021

20/X9A	Service X9: Chipping Norton – Charlbury – Witney (Monday to Friday, 60 min service)	Pulham & Sons (Coaches) Ltd (£73,147.36)	03.08.2020 to 27.08.2021
20/X9B	Service X9: Chipping Norton – Charlbury – Witney (Saturday, 60 min service)	Pulham & Sons (Coaches) Ltd (£18,597.67)	03.08.2020 to 28.08.2021
20/X38A	Service X38: Henley on Thames – Wallingford (Monday to Saturday, 60 min service)	Thames Travel (Wallingford) Ltd (£65,000)	30.08.2020 to 28.08.2021
20/X38B	Service X38: Henley on Thames – Wallingford (Sundays & Public Holidays, 60 min service)	Thames Travel (Wallingford) Ltd (£24,000)	30.08.2020 to 29.08.2021

PART 3 – FUNDING AGREEMENTS

Agreements for a specific service with specific start and end dates are included here.

Description of service	Recipient (total sum)	Agreement period
Service 47: Lambourn – Ashbury – Swindon (Continuation of service via Ashbury)	West Berkshire Council (£10,000)	21.07.2020 to 20.07.2021
Service 275: High Wycombe – Chinnor – Oxford (Oxfordshire contribution to Buckinghamshire Council contract)	Buckinghamshire Council (£48,112)	21.07.2020 to 20.07.2022
Service V1/V19: Kingham – Chipping Norton (Provision of one return journey on Monday to Friday)	The Villager Community Bus Ltd (£17,885.41)	01.09.2020 to 30.08.2024