

Community Vehicle Report
August 2015



The key actions since last meeting was the presentation at PWC meeting to support the recommendation to purchase the new community vehicle. This was also an opportunity to describe the changes to the service funding and management model.

Feedback from the driver coordinator Graeme Crayford is that the change to the management of the service has gone smoothly with no impact on customers.

At the August 3 council meeting, David Hegarty from SIRA and Angela Doolan from Easy Transport spoke in support of the recommendation from council staff for PWC to purchase & maintain a new vehicle for the service which will be leased to Easy Transport.

In the discussion it was clear that many councilors were unaware of the existence of the service and both David and Cr White gave an explanation of the background and value of the service.

Recommendation was unanimously supported.

David Hegarty concluded his comments with the note that the residents in most need of the service- those at the top of the island and in particular with a disability had not been able to access it since April due to the condition of the roads and stressed the urgency of the need for this to be addressed.

PWC confirmed vehicle has been secured and is having the required suspension and other modifications required for Scotland Island performed.

Other issues:

The other significant issue in August remains the reduction in service areas of the island due to the condition of the roads posts the heavy rain making them inaccessible This situation will remain until PWC performs the required maintenance.