

This message is to advise of changes to the 121 and A2 bus services that will be implemented from 11th January 2015. The 121 service is currently operated commercially by First, whilst the A2 service is supported by North Somerset Council using the DfT's Local Sustainable Transport Fund. Changes have been brought forward in order to safeguard the long term future for the core of these two routes.

From 11th January, these two services will be combined into one new service. Route and timetable details will be made available to passengers in due course.

For information, the main changes are summarised below:

- Services 121 and A2 combined into one new service (to be called A2)
- The new service will operate from Weston-super-Mare to Nailsea, via Banwell, Winscombe, Sandford, Churchill, Lower Langford, Wrington, Bristol Airport, Brockley Combe and Backwell
- Hourly service between 05.00 and 23.00 Monday to Saturday (earlier journeys from 02.00 will be introduced at a later stage to allow for shift workers at Bristol Airport)
- Lower frequency service on Sunday between 08.00 and 20.35
- Serves Weston-super-Mare, Worle and Nailsea & Backwell rail stations
- Will operate through West Wick development en route to Banwell (Wolvershill Road), creating new links. This will replace the route through Locking, although Locking will retain services 26 and 126 which will be unchanged.
- The service will no longer operate on Long Lane in Wrington, and will instead use Silver Street and the A38. This route change is a commercial decision by First to open up new journey opportunities for the Butcombe Brewery and Holiday Inn sites
- The service will no longer operate on Stock Lane in Congresbury
- The service will no longer operate within Winford and Felton. To mitigate this, a morning and afternoon/evening commuter service will be introduced which will provide two return journeys to Bristol city centre Monday to Friday. This service will be numbered 21. Additional options for off-peak travel will be explored further in the coming weeks.

Passengers that currently use the 121 to travel into Bristol city centre will need to change buses at either Bristol Airport (A1 flyer service) or Backwell (X1 or X8 services) for continuing journeys.