



**Enhanced Partnership Scheme Variation Agreement for the Intalink
Enhanced Partnership**

Pre-set Dates for Changes to Registered Bus Services

Contract / Variation reference:

Proposed by: Hertfordshire County Council

Date of variation agreement: 11th November 2021

Words and phrases contained within this variation agreement have the meanings and definitions prescribed to them as in the Intalink Enhanced Partnership Plan and Scheme (February 2020).

The Facilities and Requirements outlined in this Enhanced Partnership Variation Agreement (including any attachments) relate to the Facilities, Measures and Requirements variations referenced in Part B, section 7 of the Intalink Enhanced Partnership Plan and Scheme document.

1. The following variation of Pre-agreed Change dates for Local Bus Services by Hertfordshire County Council:

A move to pre-set dates for registration changes is within the IEP and was discussed at the Forum meetings on 9th June and 1st October. The advantage of pre-set dates is that we can plan more effectively for producing and updating the associated service publicity and makes some activity more efficient and cost-effective, eg. the printing and posting of roadside timetables.

We will aim for thirteen change dates across each year, generally 4 to 5 weeks apart, which should achieve the right balance.

Sunday will be the default day of change, but operators have the flexibility to register service changes for the Saturday before or the Monday after the Sunday dates stated.

It has been recommended that dates should align with school term start/finish dates as much as possible, as well as railway timetable change dates.

The agreed dates will be circulated as a separate document by the end of September for the calendar year following.

For 2022 only:

Due to the timing of the introduction of this Scheme Variation although dates are given commencing in January 2022 there will be flexibility for the first three months of the year.

The dates which relate to school term start and finish dates are based on the default Hertfordshire schools calendar. We accept that some operators may need more flexibility to time service changes with term dates of neighbouring areas which may be different.

Therefore we will treat 2022 as a transition year allowing that flexibility. This will be reviewed when the dates for 2023 are prepared, as any significant increase in the number of

dates of service changes should be avoided in order not to undermine to the aim of this scheme variation.

3. These variations are to take effect on 11th November 2021.

Requirements placed on Operators in this document apply to all current and future Operators of Qualifying Bus Services from the above date until the extinguishment of the Intalink Enhanced Partnership.

IN WITNESS OF WHICH the Parties have signed this Variation Agreement on the date(s) shown below

SIGNED by

**[INSERT AUTHORISED
SIGNATORY'S NAME]
for and on behalf of
Hertfordshire County Council**

Matt Lale
Signature

Passenger Transport Manager
Title

11/11/2021
Date

Agreed at Intalink EP Board by all Board members 11/11/21
Date