



## **CT4N STEPS IN TO SAVE AXED LOCALLINK BUS SERVICES**

Two valued local bus services due to be axed because of budget cuts approved last Monday (March 4), have been saved by local operator CT4N, part of Nottingham Community Transport who pioneer accessibility in Nottingham.

The Locallink services L22 and L23 linking Silverdale, Clifton, Ruddington and West Bridgford were due to end on Saturday June 1, 2019, following a decision by Nottingham City Council, driven by funding cuts, to withdraw the services entirely.

CT4N, who currently run the services on behalf of the city and county councils, has announced it will continue to run them on a commercial basis, so that communities across Nottingham do not lose out on these key connections.

Commenting on the continuation of the services, Ian Combellack, General Manager of Nottingham Community Transport, whose trading arm is CT4N, said: "The L22/L23 provides a number of links for people living in the Silverdale, Clifton, Ruddington, West Bridgford and Lady Bay areas, who rely on these services to access schools, shopping, health and leisure activities. Keeping communities connected – especially but not only the vulnerable and mobility-impaired – is exactly why Community Transport exists and why CT4N has taken the decision to take over the operation of both services.

"Our new services will be known as 22 and 23 and will operate to the existing route and timetable and we look forward to working with Nottinghamshire County Council, who have been very supportive of our proposals to continue the running of L22/L23, to keep these precious and well-used routes alive for Nottingham."

"The loss of these bus services would have meant a long walk to alternative services or the need to change buses to complete their journey for the people

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and communities, many of whom are elderly or have mobility problems,” added Ian.

CT4N will run the 22/23 service from Monday April 29, 2019. Remarking on the costs of the service to passengers, Ian continued: “We will introduce a fare to cover the costs of operating the services, although concessionary card holders will still be able to use the service for free.”

Ian concluded: “We will do our best to keep fares as low as possible and any changes in operation unnoticeable – we are just thrilled that the services won’t be cut and hope passengers across Nottingham are too.”

Nottinghamshire County Council welcomes the decision by CT4N to work with the County Council and secure the continuation of the L22/L23 bus service.

Councillor John Cottee, Chair of Communities & Place Committee said that the service was a vital link for many residents in West Bridgford, Lady Bay and Ruddington linking them to central West Bridgford and the new Wilford Lane medical practice. The route and timetable will remain unchanged but fares will be introduced to help ensure the long-term viability of the route.

Although CT4N are able to save the 22/23 service, there are still services which are vulnerable to total withdrawal and reduced frequency. Decisions on these are under discussion by the council.

Further details, including route and timetable information, can be found at [www.ct4n.co.uk](http://www.ct4n.co.uk).

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