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### Public Transport Options

Public Transport is one of the programmes in the Transport and Urban Development portfolio. For the first year of the Long-Term Plan 2018-28 we are proposing changes to the Public Transport programme as outlined in the **Consultation Document**.(on page 14)

To make comment on the Public Transport proposed changes please complete the selection panel below.

To make comment on the the whole Transport and Urban Development portfolio, please use the tab on the left.

**Please review the options in the Consultation Document and indicate which option you support:** Option 4 – none of the above. (Please provide comment/ideas for an alternative solution)

### Public Transport Comments

#### Please provide any comments.

I agree with the option 1 with exception of the discontinuation of the 6 bus services. In my opinion the whole route network should be re-evaluated to maximize coverage. All suburbs should have a bus service to go to the city centre or other popular destination. As a Westmorland resident I believe the 145 bus is a lifeline for school children who need an environmentally friendly and independent mode of transport to go to and from school. we have no bus stop at the top of the hill and it would make sense to do one round trip, up Penruddock Rise and down Ravensdale Rise. This would service~200 homes that are being built at the top of the hill. The 145 should at least service Cashmere High and South Intermediate schools if not the primary schools as well. If the bus actually went through the centre of town it would also service the workers who currently do not use the bus as it takes too long to change buses. It can take over an hour when you can take the car in 15 minutes or bike in 30 minutes. At the moment while the weather is good it is easy to bike but as soon as the weather

deteriorates the cars come out as there is not the service to take us to where we need to go. There are also the people who cannot ride a bike ie. the sick and elderly who need an alternative when they cannot drive a car.

I propose you keep the 145 route as it is to Columbo street and then go into the bus station. This would cover the school run and workers, also providing a service to the CBD.

The company should put out a survey where the customers can tell you the times and destinations we need from you as a business to maximize usage.

Lastly I would like to reiterate that as ratepayers we are already paying for this service and the fact that you would remove it when there are 3/4 people in this household who would willingly be paying you for it makes me think that there needs to be more consultation with the public before such drastic action occurs.