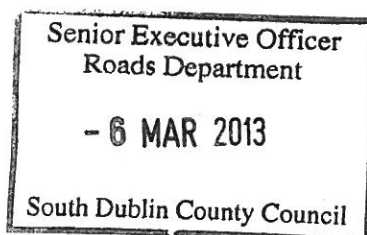


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4<sup>th</sup> March 2013

**Re: Review of Bus Service Performance**

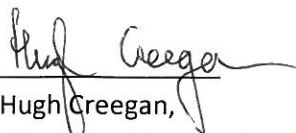
Dear Mr. Curtin,

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of 10<sup>th</sup> January 2013 in relation to the question submitted for the Council meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> January 2013 seeking *"a detailed update from the National Transport Authority on its review of bus services in our County"*.

At present, the Authority is awaiting 2012 outturn information on passenger numbers in relation to the Dublin Bus routes on a number of key corridors in the South Dublin Council area. Following receipt of that information it is intended to evaluate the performance of those corridors subsequent to the introduction of the revised service pattern under Network Direct.

The Authority has also carried out a review of the longer distance services serving the "commuter belt" around Dublin. That review is complete and the Authority is now in the process of drawing up an implementation plan regarding the public service obligation (PSO) routes operated by Bus Éireann under contract to the Authority. A limited number of these routes pass through the South Dublin County Council administrative area. A further review has commenced examining the longer distance routes operated by Dublin Bus under contract to the Authority including those operating through South Dublin. It is anticipated that this review will be completed by mid-year and will include recommendations for changes to bus services where appropriate.

Yours sincerely,

  
Hugh Creegan,

Director of Transport Investment and Taxi Regulation.