



North Pembrokeshire Transport Forum Fforwm Trafnidiaeth Gogledd Penfro

September News Briefing

1. Current public transport provision to, from and within North Pembrokeshire

- With sincere apologies we can correct the rail services information in the August Briefing and report that the pre-covid weekday train timetable has been restored.
- The six Transport for Wales weekday services are provided at 06:53, 07:54, 09:57, 12:53 (to connect with the mid-day ferry), 19:08 and 22:16 (to connect with the night ferry).
- **NB:** Prior to 2011, two 'boat-trains' per day provided services to Fishguard Harbour. In 2014 (after a successful 3 year trial) the Welsh Government added more 5 trains (Mondays-Saturdays) to the franchise, bringing the Monday-Saturday total up to 7 trains per day. Regrettably, timetable changes in 2017 eventually led to the reduction of these services to 6 per day.

2. Welsh Government National Transport Delivery Plan: 2022 to 2027

The Transport Development Plan (TDP) shows how the Llwybr Newydd - Wales Transport Strategy 2021 will be delivered. (<https://gov.wales/national-transport-delivery-plan-2022-2027.html>)

Points of particular interest:

Future transport plans:

- On 1st April 2021, four new Corporate Joint Committees were established with three main duties, these being to develop regional transport and strategic development plans and to improve economic wellbeing. In June 2022, the transport planning duty will transfer from local authorities to the Corporate Joint Committees. (1.4.4)
- The Corporate Joint Committees will be developing Regional Transport Plans, to set the policies to deliver the WTS at a local and regional level, taking in to account this NTDP, the Metro programmes and the emerging recommendations of the strategic transport review. We are supporting Corporate Joint Committees in the development of the RTPs to build on the strategic programme development and growing technical support of the TfW regional Metro teams. (1.4.4)

What we will deliver:

- Priority 3.1 Bring services to people in order to reduce the need for people to use their cars on a daily basis. This will involve planning ahead for better physical and digital connectivity, more accessible services, more home and remote working and more active travel.
- Priority 4.3 Over the next five years we will invest in infrastructure, stations, rolling stock and **services** (our emphasis) in order to encourage more people to take the train and to leave the car at home.

Annex 2. Programmes, projects and interventions:

- **N.B.** Introduction of additional rail services includes: **Rail 8h. Carmarthen - Fishguard 2 tpd 2023 to 2024** (our emphasis).

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