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Torbay Council are currently working on a new Bus Strategy for the area, based on the principles in the Government's recently published National Bus Strategy. Their aim is to focus on the needs of passengers so more people want to use the bus.

As part of the development of that Strategy, Torbay Council have asked Brixham Town Council to let them have some 'wish list' thoughts.

Councillors Giles, Hoggart & Massey, as members of the Council's Community Transport Task & Finish Group, have met to discuss and come up with the following proposals for an agreed response.

The issues we have identified are as follows and which we would recommend that Brixham Town Council propose to Torbay Council:

- recent changes to & removal of services have left a number of areas in our town, examples being Summercombe & the Cedar Drive area, without easy walking access to a bus service. Our main proposal would for the reinstatement of the 18A service, the return of the 15 & 16 services plus an extension of the 13 service to cover the former 67 route. Essentially we suggest that a return to the level of services in the town in 2017 would be the best way of meeting the needs of passengers & bringing more people back on buses.

- passenger capacity on the Town circular services & the service to & from Kingswear is insufficient, as shown particularly by the long queues at stops in the town centre. The 18 service particularly is affected by this but all of the services which operate the smaller buses are having issues. As we understand the logistical & practical issues of trying to run larger buses, it appears to us the answer is more buses on those services - particularly in the tourist season. Accordingly we would propose the introduction of an augmented 'high season' service for those routes.

- on a more detailed level, we believe that some services which currently are not over-capacity may be improved by the inclusion of more detail on the bus destination

display - for example, making it clearer that the 13 service stops at Torbay Hospital & the Willows on its way to Kingskerswell.