

## 111644: Aberdeen Football Club – Proposed Stadium and Training Facilities at Kingsford, Aberdeen

### Technical Note: Updated Shuttle Bus Strategy

19th July 2017

#### Introduction

1. This Technical Note has been prepared in response to comments received from Aberdeen City Council's Roads Development Management team through their planning consultation response dated 26th June 2017.
2. Paragraph 6.8 of the consultation response comments: *'It is noted that further discussions have taken place with Central Coaches who have confirmed that they could coordinate coaches / buses for the routes identifies. ACC welcome this in principle. However, the maximum (worst case scenario) number of busses and drivers required should be estimated, and a breakdown should be provided as to where the provision of these is likely to come from. This should be backed up by data, or written confirmation from the providers.'*
3. This Technical Note provides further data to support the Shuttle Bus Strategy including details of bus service providers, the number of buses available including their capacity and the number of buses required for both arrivals and departures. The Technical Note shows how the match day scenarios could be serviced, but at this stage the deployment of buses from each operator is indicative only. Tables are presented to demonstrate bus availability based on known information.
4. Bus availability has been shown for matches played on a weekday evening and on a Saturday. More buses are available for matches played on a Sunday, so the worst case demand versus supply forecast for weekend matches occurs on a Saturday.
5. The Transport Assessment (TA) reported that over the 3 full seasons at Pittodrie Stadium from 2013 – 2016, Aberdeen Football Club (AFC) played 24 home games per season. Of that total on average 9 were played on a weekday, 11 on a Saturday, and 4 on a Sunday. This includes all domestic cup, European ties and friendly matches.
6. European matches are played midweek and in recent seasons 3 have been played during school holidays in July / August only. A further midweek SPL match can sometimes be played during the Christmas and New Year holiday period. During school holiday periods more buses are available for use as there are no school contracts which require to be serviced.
7. Table 1 below includes details of midweek matches played at Pittodrie during school term time over the 3 full seasons reported in the TA.