

CORRESPONDENCE

**MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF
Newcastle West**

November, 2015

- Letter received on 7th October, 2015 from the Chief Executive, National Transport Authority in reply to letter regarding amending licence for Dublin Coach allowing them to pick up and drop off passengers in Newcastle West and Abbeyfeale.

Mr Gordon Daly
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Merchants Quay
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2nd October 2015

Dear Mr Daly

I refer to your email of 28 September regarding Dublin Coach, the contents of which I have noted.

The National Transport Authority (NTA) is responsible for securing the provision of public bus services through

- public service contracts, where services cannot be provided on a commercial basis, and
- the licensing of public bus services, which are operated on a commercial basis.

Route 300 is a commercial service provided by Citibus Limited (T/A Dublin Coach) and is licensed by the NTA. Licences set out the nature of the service and conditions under which a licensed public bus passenger service must operate such as the point of origin and destination, as well as detailed timetable and stopping places. In order to change the places served, times/dates of the service, an application to amend the licence must be made to the NTA.

In reaching a decision on an application the NTA will take into consideration a number of criteria, including the demand or potential demand for the service having regard to the needs of consumers, and any existing public bus passenger services on or in the vicinity of the route.

Newcastle West is served by stops on Routes 13 and 14 which are commercial services provided by Bus Éireann. These routes are also licensed by the NTA. Routes 13 and 14 combined provide a range of departures to Limerick with connections for onward travel to a number of destinations, including Dublin City.

At this stage Citibus Limited has submitted an application to amend its licence in respect of Route 300.

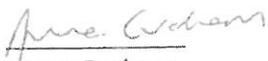
All bus licence applications are considered in accordance with the provisions of the Public Transport Regulation Act 2009 and the NTA's Guidelines for the Licensing of Public Bus Passenger Services. The

Act and Guidelines can be accessed in the Taxi and Bus Licensing area of the NTA's website, www.nationaltransport.ie.

The indicative timescale for processing of a licence amendment application is four weeks. However, a longer timescale can be required in more complex cases.

I trust this clarifies the position for the members of Newcastle West Municipal District.

Yours sincerely


Anne Graham
Chief Executive