

ANGUS COUNCIL**PLANNING AND TRANSPORT POLICY COMMITTEE**

6 JUNE 1996

SUBJECT: LOCAL BUS SERVICE REVISIONS**REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF PLANNING, TRANSPORT & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Abstract: This report outlines recent changes to both subsidised and commercial local bus services in the Angus Area.
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1 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee -

- 1 Note the introduction of a de-minimis contract to provide a service on non-school days between Forfar, Brechin and Stracathro.
- 2 Note the diversion on Sundays of the subsidised services between Montrose and Edzell via the Bridge of Dun Railway.
- 3 Note the withdrawal of the Emergency Contract between Hillside and Montrose Academy from the start of the next academic session as a result of the alternative provision now made as part of the re-tendered school conveyance contracts.
- 4 Note the service revisions by Strathtay Scottish Ltd. on the Perth - Blairgowrie - Dundee Corridor and the replacement facilities introduced on an emergency basis by Perth and Kinross Council including the decision not to re-instate two late night journeys which affect Birkhill, Muirhead, Auchterhouse and Newtyle.
- 5 Note the introduction of a commercial service between Toll Crescent/McCulloch Drive and Forfar Town Centre and the termination of the contract previously held between F. Wilson and Angus Council to provide part of this service.
- 6 Note the other minor changes outlined to commercial services within Angus.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 This report is to inform Committee of various local bus service revisions to both subsidised and commercial services. These changes have either been implemented recently or are shortly to be introduced and form part of ongoing changes to the public transport network.

3 SERVICE 21B : FORFAR - BRECHIN - STRACATHRO

- 3.1 Under the re-tendering of School Conveyance Contracts in the Brechin and Montrose Areas, Strathtay Scottish were awarded a contract for the conveyance of scholars from Mains of Careston, West Muir and Little Brechin to Brechin High School. The Company have however intimated that they do not intend to continue to operate this service commercially on non-school days. All subsidised journeys on the

Forfar - Brechin - Stracathro Corridor are currently under review and tenders for replacement facilities will be sought for January 1997. In the meantime, however, a de-minimis contract has been entered into with Strathtay Scottish to provide this service on non-schooldays. The cost of this de-minimis contract is £3,692.50 per annum. The subsidy per passenger for this contract is £1.58, this meets the criteria set by Council of a maximum of £2.50 per passenger and helps secure the best value for money on public transport taking into account the full range of the Council's responsibilities.

4 SERVICES 24 / 30 MONTROSE - EDZELL

- 4.1 Strathtay Scottish Ltd from 26 May 1996 diverted their Sunday Services 24/30 which operate between Montrose and Edzell to serve the Bridge of Dun Railway. These services are subsidised by Angus Council and requests had been made by the Railway for the services to be diverted to enable more tourists to access the service. This diversion has been provided at no additional cost to Angus Council.

5 SERVICE 47 : HILLSIDE TO MONTROSE

- 5.1 The provision previously made in Contract EMY 15 for conveying scholars between Hillside and Montrose Academy has now been incorporated as part of the recently re-tendered School Conveyance Contracts in the Brechin and Montrose Area. As a result the savings to the Planning, Transport and Economic Development Department Transport budget in this regard are £5,700 per annum.

6 SERVICES 57/59 : PERTH - BLAIRGOWRIE - DUNDEE

- 6.1 Strathtay Scottish previously advised Tayside Regional Council of their intention to de-register a significant number of journeys on the Perth - Blairgowrie - Dundee Corridor (Service 57) together with two journeys on the Blairgowrie - Coupar Angus - Dundee Corridor (Service 59), these revisions to be effective from 24 April 1995. Appendix 1 shows the Service 57 and 59 timetables with the services to be withdrawn in the boxed areas. Within Angus these journeys serve Birkhill, Muirhead, Auchterhouse and Newtyle.
- 6.2 These de-registrations would have resulted in the complete withdrawal of evening journeys on services 57 and 59. However, in order to fully assess these service withdrawals Tayside Regional Council entered into an Emergency Agreement with Strathtay Scottish Ltd. for them to continue to operate these journeys until a full review could be undertaken. This Emergency Agreement is currently fully supported by Perth and Kinross Council with no financial contribution from Angus Council.
- 6.3 Perth and Kinross Council have now reviewed the journeys concerned and intend to introduce new timetables for these services in June 1996. The new timetables are shown in Appendix 2 to this report. From June these services will be provided under a further Emergency Agreement with Strathtay Scottish until formal tendering is undertaken during the summer. Perth and Kinross Council will continue to fully meet the costs of this Emergency Agreement, however, they have intimated that they will approach Angus Council for a financial contribution towards the formal contract once this is to be tendered. Committee will be kept informed of progress in this matter.

- 6.4 While the services proposed in Appendix 2 maintain provision for the majority of the journeys to be de-registered by Strathtay Scottish, no provision is made for two of the late night journeys. These are the 22.30 journey from Blairgowrie to Dundee (Monday to Friday) and 22.35 journey from Dundee to Blairgowrie (Monday to Friday).
- 6.5 Surveys have been undertaken which confirm that very few passengers travel on these late night services. An average of only 6 passengers per day was recorded, 3 on the inward journey and 3 on the return. All the passengers were travelling for leisure purposes and on the inward journey almost half the users would have been happy to use the service bus one hour earlier.
- 6.6 Quotations were sought from three operators to continue to operate these journeys. The cheapest quotation resulted in a subsidy per mile of £2.14 and a subsidy per passenger of £7.50. Under the subsidy criteria agreed by this Committee in the Public Transport Policy Statement, services should only be subsidised where the maximum subsidy per passenger does not exceed £2.50 or the subsidy per mile £1.25. It was therefore concluded that Angus Council agree with the decision reached by Perth and Kinross Council not to support these particular late night services.

7 SERVICE 117 : TOLL CRESCENT/MCCULLOCH DRIVE - FORFAR

- 7.1 From 22 May 1996, Bruce of Forfar registered a service to operate commercially from Toll Crescent and McCulloch Drive to Forfar Town Centre. This service is to provide a shoppers facility on two days a week, Wednesdays and Fridays, and will meet requests from residents in the McCulloch Drive area for services to their estate.
- 7.2 Angus Council already held a contract with F. Wilson to provide a subsidised shoppers service between Toll Crescent and Forfar. This contract operated also on two days a week, Tuesdays and Fridays. In view, however, of the commercial registration by Bruce of Forfar, this contract is no longer necessary and has been terminated. The Council could not in any case continue to provide subsidy to the service operated by F. Wilson as this would be in competition with the commercial service. The financial savings to the Transport Budget in this regard are £1194.96 per annum.

8 OTHER LOCAL BUS SERVICE REVISIONS TO COMMERCIAL SERVICES

- 8.1 From 20 May 1996, Scottish CityLink introduced their summer timetables, this as in previous years has resulted in minor timing changes to most services.
- 8.2 From 6 June 1996, Strathtay Scottish are introducing their summer timetable on Service 45 providing a regular daily service between Elliot and Seaton Caravan Parks and Arbroath for summer visitors.
- 8.3 Bluebird Buses Ltd introduced minor timing amendments on their Service 101 journeys on Mondays to Saturdays between Stonehaven and Montrose from 3 June 1996.

9 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 Savings to the Planning, Transport and Economic Development Department budget in respect of the termination of the contract with F. Wilson for the provision of a service between Toll Crescent and Forfar and also for the termination of the Emergency Agreement for the service between Hillside and Montrose on schooldays amount to £6,894.96 per annum. These savings are partly offset by the cost of providing Service 21B between Forfar, Brechin and Stracathro on non-schooldays of £3,692.50. The overall savings to the Department are therefore £3202.46 per annum. It should be noted however that Perth and Kinross Council are likely to request a contribution towards Services 57 and 59 between Perth, Blairgowrie and Dundee when these are re-tendered during the summer.

10 CONSULTATION

- 10.1 The Directors of Finance and Law and Administration have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

11 CONCLUSION

- 11.1 The service revisions outlined in this report are a reflection of changes in the commercial network which continue to occur and which are monitored by the Transport Team on an ongoing basis. Where it has been proposed to withdraw services, replacement facilities have been provided where the subsidy per passenger criteria could be met.

NOTE

No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above Report.

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Monday to Saturday

	NS	NS	CDO	S	L								NSB	S		NS			NS				
DUNDEE (Seagate Bus Stn)...	-	-	-	0645	-	0740	-	0900	1000	1100	1200	1300	1400	1445	1500	1600	1700	1720	1820	2020	2220	2335	
Muirhead (Post Office).....	-	-	-	0703	-	0758	-	0920	1020	1120	1220	1320	1420	1505	1520	1625	1725	1740	1837	2037	2237	2352	
Auchterhouse Road End.....	-	-	-	0709	-	0804	-	0925	1025	1125	1225	1325	1425	1510	1525	1630	1730	1745	1842	2042	2242	2357	
Newlyte (Church).....	-	-	-	0715	-	0810	-	0932	1032	1132	1232	1332	1432	1517	1532	1637	1737	1752	1847	2047	2247	0002	
Meikle (Post Office).....	-	-	-	0720	-	0815	-	0937	1037	1137	1237	1337	1437	1522	1537	1642	1742	1757	1852	2052	2252	0007	
Alyth (Square).....	-	-	-	0730	-	0825	-	0947	1047	1147	1247	1347	1447	1532	1549	1652	1752	1807	1902	2102	2302	0017	
Ferguson Park, Blairgowrie.....	-	-	0737	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1820	1915	2115	2315	0030	
Blairgowrie (Wellmeadow).....	-	-	0742	0745	-	0840	-	1002	1102	1202	1302	1402	1502	1547	1602	1707	1807	1825	1920	2120	2320	0035	
Blairgowrie (Wellmeadow).....	0615	0700	0747	0750	0815	-	0905	1005	1105	1205	1305	1405	1505	1547	1605	1710	1810	-	1920	2125	-	-	
Coupar Angus (Cross).....	0625	0710	0800	0802	0825	-	0917	1017	1117	1217	1317	1417	1517	1605	1617	1720	1820	-	1930	2135	-	-	
Burreton (Garage).....	0630	0715	0805	0807	-	-	0922	1022	1122	1222	1322	1422	1522	1610	1622	1725	1825	-	1935	2140	-	-	
Kinrossie (Hall).....	-	-	0722	-	0815	-	-	0930	-	1130	-	1330	-	1530	1618	1630	-	1833	-	1943	2148	-	-
Balbeggie (Hall).....	0640	0727	0815	0820	-	-	0935	1032	1135	1232	1335	1432	1535	1623	1635	1735	1838	-	1948	2153	-	-	
Scone (Post Office).....	0646	0732	0821	0826	-	-	0941	1038	1141	1238	1341	1438	1541	1629	1641	1741	1843	-	1954	2159	-	-	
PERTH (Leonard St. Bus Stn)...	0700	0745	0835	0840	-	-	0955	1052	1155	1252	1355	1452	1555	1643	1655	1755	1855	-	2006	2213	-	-	

Sunday

DUNDEE (Seagate Bus Stn).....	-	-	1000	1230	1500	1730	2020	2220	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Muirhead (Post Office).....	-	-	1020	1250	1520	1750	2037	2237	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Auchterhouse Road End.....	-	-	1025	1255	1525	1755	2042	2242	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Newlyte (Church).....	-	-	1032	1302	1532	1802	2047	2247	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meikle (Post Office).....	-	-	1037	1307	1537	1807	2052	2252	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alyth (Square).....	-	-	1047	1317	1547	1817	2102	2302	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ferguson Park, Blairgowrie.....	-	-	1100	1330	1600	1830	2115	2315	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Blairgowrie (Wellmeadow).....	-	-	1105	1335	1605	1835	2120	2320	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Blairgowrie (Wellmeadow).....	0815	1020	1110	1340	1610	1840	2125	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coupar Angus (Cross).....	0825	1030	1120	1350	1620	1850	2135	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Burreton (Garage).....	-	-	1125	1355	1625	1855	2140	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kinrossie (Hall).....	-	-	1133	1403	1633	1903	2148	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balbeggie (Hall).....	-	-	1138	1408	1638	1908	2153	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scone (Post Office).....	-	-	1143	1413	1643	1913	2158	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Perth (Leonard St. Bus Stn).....	-	-	1158	1428	1658	1928	2213	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

- Codes:
- NS - Not Saturdays
 - S - Saturdays only
 - B - Via Blairgowrie High School On Schooldays
 - ** - On School Holidays and Saturdays, via Ferguson Park at 0836
 - L - Via Lawton
 - CDO - Continues to Perth Tech. Coll. arriving 0842 and operates College Days Only.

See Summary Page for details of ALL BUSES between Dundee and Blairgowrie, Blairgowrie and Coupar Angus and Blairgowrie and Perth.

PERTH - BLAIRGOWRIE - DUNDEE via Coupar Angus & Alyth

Monday to Saturday

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PERTH (Leonard St. Bus Stn)...	-	-	0700	0750	-	-	0900	1000	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	1500	-	1610	1705	1735	1805	1905	2010	-	-	2230
Scone (Post Office).....	-	-	0712	0802	-	-	0914	1014	1114	1214	1314	1414	1514	1514	-	1629	1724	1749	1817	1919	2024	-	-	2242
Balbeggie (Hall).....	-	-	0717	0807	-	-	0920	1020	1120	1220	1320	1420	1520	1520	-	1635	1730	1754	1823	1925	2030	-	-	2247
Kinrossie (Hall).....	-	-	-	0812	-	-	-	1025	-	1225	-	1425	-	-	-	1640	1735	-	1828	1930	2035	-	-	2252
Burreton (Garage).....	-	-	0725	0820	-	-	0930	1033	1130	1233	1330	1433	1530	1530	-	1648	1743	1804	1835	1938	2043	-	-	2300
Coupar Angus (Cross).....	-	-	0730	0825	-	0830	0935	1038	1135	1238	1335	1438	1535	1535	-	1653	1748	1810	1840	1943	2048	-	-	2305
Blairgowrie (Wellmeadow).....	-	-	0740	0840	-	0840	0945	1048	1145	1248	1345	1448	1545	1555	-	1703	1758	1820	1850	1953	2058	-	-	2315
Blairgowrie (Wellmeadow).....	0635	0730	-	-	0850	0850	0950	1050	1150	1250	1350	1450	1550	1555	1625	1710	1805	-	1955	-	2130	2230	2315	
Ferguson Park, Blairgowrie.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1810	-	2000	-	2134	2234	2319	
Alyth (Square).....	0650	0745	-	-	0905	0905	1005	1105	1205	1305	1405	1505	1605	1610	1640	1725	1825	-	2015	-	2147	2247	-	
Meikle (Post Office).....	0700	0755	-	-	0915	0915	1015	1115	1215	1315	1415	1515	1615	1620	1650	1735	1835	-	2025	-	2157	2257	-	
Newlyte (Church).....	0705	0800	-	-	0920	0920	1020	1120	1220	1320	1420	1520	1620	1625	1655	1740	1840	-	2030	-	2202	2302	-	
Auchterhouse Road End.....	0710	0806	-	-	0925	0925	1025	1125	1225	1325	1425	1525	1625	1630	1700	1745	1845	-	2035	-	2207	2307	-	
Muirhead (Edward Place).....	0715	0812	-	-	0930	0930	1030	1130	1230	1330	1430	1530	1630	1635	1705	1750	1850	-	2040	-	2212	2312	-	
DUNDEE (Seagate Bus Stn).....	0735	0837	-	-	0950	0950	1050	1150	1250	1350	1450	1550	1650	1700	1730	1810	1910	-	2100	-	2230	2330	-	

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- ++ - Mon - Fri commences from Carsie at 0720
 - NS - Not Saturdays
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 - L - Via Lawton
 - B - Via Blairgowrie High School on Schooldays

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Sunday

PERTH (Leonard St. Bus Stn)...	-	-	1230	1500	1730	2010	2230	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scone (Post Office).....	-	-	1244	1514	1744	2024	2242	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balbeggie (Hall).....	-	-	1250	1520	1750	2030	2247	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kinrossie (Hall).....	-	-	1255	1525	1755	2035	2252	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Burreton (Garage).....	-	-	1303	1533	1803	2043	2300	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coupar Angus (Cross).....	0830	1035	1308	1538	1808	2048	2305	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Blairgowrie (Wellmeadow).....	0840	1045	1318	1548	1818	2058	2315	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Blairgowrie (Wellmeadow).....	0845	1050	1320	1550	1820	2100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ferguson Park, Blairgowrie.....	0850	1055	1325	1555	1825	2105	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alyth (Square).....	0904	1110	1340	1610	1840	2120	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meikle (Post Office).....	0913	1120	1350	1620	1850	2130	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Newlyte (Church).....	0919	1125	1355	1625	1855	2135	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Auchterhouse Road End.....	0926	1130	1400	1630	1900	2140	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Muirhead (Edward Place).....	0931	1137	1407	1637	1907	2147	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DUNDEE (Seagate Bus Stn).....	0948	1157	1427	1657	1927	2207	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

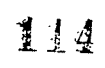
Monday to Saturday

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RATTRAY (Ferguson Park).....	-	0737	-	-	-	0925	1025	1125	1225	1325	1425	1525	-	1535	-	1625	1830
Blairgowrie (Wellmeadow).....	0650	0742	0745	0830	-	0930	1030	1130	1230	1330	1430	1530	-	1550	-	1630	1835
Coupar Angus (Cross).....	0700	-	0758	0842	-	0942	1042	1142	1242	1342	1442	-	-	1600	1600	1642	1845
Lundie East Road.....	0712	-	0810	0853	-	0953	1053	1153	1253	1353	1453	-	-	1612	1612	1653	1857
Muirhead (Edward Place).....	0720	-	0815	0900	0905	1000	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	-	1553	1620	1620	1700	1905
DUNDEE (Seagate Bus Stn).....	0740	-	0840	0920	0925	1020	1120	1220	1320	1420	1520	-	1610	1645	1645	1720	1925
	SDO	NSD	NS						S	NS	NS	NS	S				S
DUNDEE (Seagate Bus Stn).....	0745	0745	0845	0930	1030	1130	1230	1330	1430	1430	-	1530	1530	1620	1735	2235	
Muirhead (Post Office).....	0805	0805	0905	0950	1050	1150	1250	1350	1450	1450	-	1550	1550	1643	1755	2252	
Lundie East Road.....	0812	0812	-	0957	1057	1157	1257	1357	1457	1457	-	-	1557	1650	1802	2258	
Coupar Angus (Cross).....	0825	0825	-	1010	1110	1210	1310	1410	1510	1510	-	-	1610	1703	1815	2310	
Blairgowrie (Wellmeadow).....	-	0835	-	1020	1120	1220	1320	1420	1520	1520	1530	-	1620	1713	1825	2320	
RATTRAY (Ferguson Park).....	-	-	-	1025	1125	1225	1325	1425	1525	-	1535	-	1625	1723	1830	-	

CODES:- NS - Not Saturdays
S - Saturdays Only

T - Perth College Days Only
SDO - School Days Only
NSD - Not School Days or Saturdays

See summary page for details of ALL BUSES between Muirhead and Dundee, and Coupar Angus and Blairgowrie.



Early morning journeys on Sundays between Blairgowrie and Coupar Angus are re-instated together with the following evening journeys.

SERVICE 57 : PERTH-BLAIRGOWRIE-DUNDEE

	NS					
Perth (Leonard St Bus Stn)	1705	1735	1805	1905	2040	2230
Scone (Post Office)	1724	1749	1817	1919	2054	2242
Balbeggie (Hall)	1730	1754	1823	1925	2100	2247
Kinrossie (Hall)	1735	-	1828	1930	2105	2252
Burrelton (Garage)	1743	1804	1835	1938	2113	2300
Coupar Angus (Cross)	1748	1810	1840	1943	2118	2305
Blairgowrie (Wellmeadow)	1758	1820	1850	1953	2128	2315
Blairgowrie (Wellmeadow)	1805			1955	2130	2315
Ferguson Park, Blairgowrie	1810			2000	2135	2319
Alyth (Square)	1825			2015	2150	
Meigle (Post Office)	1835			2025	2200	
Newtyle (Church)	1840			2030	2205	
Auchterhouse Road End	1845			2035	2210	
Muirhead (Edward Place)	1850			2040	2215	
Dundee (Seagate Bus Station)	1910			2100	2235	

SERVICE 57 - DUNDEE - BLAIRGOWRIE - PERTH

	NS					
Dundee (Seagate Bus Station)	1700	1720	1820	2020	2220	2235
Muirhead (Post Office)	1725	1740	1837	2037	2237	
Auchterhouse Road End	1730	1745	1842	2042	2242	
Newtyle (Church)	1737	1752	1847	2047	2247	VIA
Meigle (Post Office)	1742	1757	1852	2052	2252	C.A.
Alyth (Square)	1752	1807	1902	2102	2302	
Ferguson Park, Blairgowrie	-	1820	1915	2115	2315	
Blairgowrie (Wellmeadow)	1807	1825	1920	2120	2320	2320
Blairgowrie (Wellmeadow)	1810		1920	2125		
Coupar Angus (Cross)	1820		1930	2135		
Burrelton (Garage)	1825		1935	2140		
Kinrossie (Hall)	1833		1943	2148		
Balbeggie (Hall)	1838		1948	2153		
Scone (Post Office)	1843		1954	2159		
Perth (Leonard St Bus Station)	1855		2008	2213		

* 2235 Departure operates via Coupar Angus, on Service 59.

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