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Hello all,

Please find attached version two of the Timetable Change Brief for the May 2022 timetable.

All updates are highlighted in yellow in the documents attached.

Any questions, please let me know.

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May 2022

Timetable Change Brief

ScotRail Service Planning – version 2

29.03.22

Introduction

Hello, and welcome to the Timetable Change Brief for May 2022.

The May 2022 timetable sees the beginning of the new *Fit for the Future* timetable structure, which will be introduced fully over the next few years. This will deliver more trains each day for our passengers versus the current timetable offering.

Highlights of the key changes being made in the May 2022 timetable include:

- [OUT OF SCOPE]
- A revised timetable in Fife which will give intermediate stations direct journey opportunities to Dundee and Perth all day

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These timetable changes have been through an extensive public consultation process, and some changes were made to the original planned structure after we received feedback from key stakeholders and our passengers.

1. Fit for the Future – why are we changing?

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- The main feedback received was on the following routes - Edinburgh to Glasgow via Carstairs/Shotts, Edinburgh to Fife/Perth/Dundee, Edinburgh to Tweedbank, Central Scotland (Glasgow/Edinburgh to Stirling) and on the Glasgow South Electrics (Cathcart, Neilston and Newton services)

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2. May 2022 Fleet Deployment Figures

		Sets	Traffic Requirement
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Class 156	West Highlands	[OUT OF SCOPE]	[OUT OF SCOPE]
Class 156	Strathclyde	[OUT OF SCOPE]	[OUT OF SCOPE]
Class 158	Corkerhill	[OUT OF SCOPE]	[OUT OF SCOPE]
Class 158	Inverness	25 (+3)	22 (3 exam)
Class 170	Express	[OUT OF SCOPE]	[OUT OF SCOPE]
Class 170	Suburban	[OUT OF SCOPE]	[OUT OF SCOPE]
Class 318/320		[OUT OF SCOPE]	[OUT OF SCOPE]
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HST	2+4 rakes	[OUT OF SCOPE]	[OUT OF SCOPE]
HST	2+5 rakes	[OUT OF SCOPE]	[OUT OF SCOPE]

3. May 2022 Fleet Changes

[OUT OF SCOPE]

Line of Route Changes

[OUT OF SCOPE]

4. Glasgow/Edinburgh to Inverness/Aberdeen *Inter7City*

Edinburgh/Glasgow to Aberdeen

- Introduction of a new 06:30 service from Edinburgh to Aberdeen which will give a 08:52 arrival into Aberdeen Monday to Saturday
- [OUT OF SCOPE]

As part of the changes between Edinburgh, Fife and Dundee, local services operating between Dundee and Arbroath are now self-contained and have been retimed throughout. Passengers will be required to change trains at Dundee to travel between local stations in Tayside and Fife/Edinburgh.

4.1 Glasgow/Edinburgh to Inverness/Aberdeen *Inter7City (Continued...)*

Edinburgh/Glasgow to Inverness (Highland Mainline)

- All services from both Edinburgh and Glasgow run via Stirling each day
- [OUT OF SCOPE]
- No services between Inverness and Edinburgh will operate via Fife Monday to Saturday. Connections are still available at Perth for passengers travelling towards Edinburgh via Fife
- [OUT OF SCOPE]

We now have two shunts at Inverness to and from the Motorail siding each day to create platform space for HST's to arrive and depart as only platforms 1 and 2 can accommodate a 2+5 HST set at present. At various times of the day one platform is used by the Caledonian Sleeper/LNER services.

ECS moves to/from Inverness depot now use the signal numbers at Millburn Junction to provide better clarity for signallers/operational staff. There are also some changes to overnight shunt moves at Inverness each evening to better reflect what happens on the ground each evening, and to reflect the alterations to the HST maintenance plan at Inverness depot.

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4.2 Edinburgh – Glenrothes/Perth/Dundee *Fife*

Originally when we consulted on our *Fit for the Future* timetable, we intended for the revised timetable on the Fife route to allow for the opening of the branch to Levenmouth in the future with only minimal change. Following on from the public consultation, Edinburgh to Perth via Kirkcaldy services were introduced and the service pattern has been changed significantly. This will mean future timetable development work will need to happen when the Levenmouth line opens, and we may have to revise timetables again on this route in the future.

Fife is no longer a Circle Monday to Saturday, as no trains will run between Kirkcaldy and Dunfermline. Passengers making these journeys will now need to change at Inverkeithing. Whilst this may inconvenience some passengers, the new timetable allows us to operate a much better spacing of services between Inverkeithing and Edinburgh which is the busiest section of the route. Fife Circle services will continue to operate on Sundays.

The new service pattern for Fife Monday to Saturday is as follows:

- 1 x path every hour operates between Edinburgh and Glenrothes via Dunfermline
- 1 x path every hour operates between Edinburgh and Cowdenbeath. Some of these then run empty coaches to Glenrothes as there is not a walking route for drivers at the turnback signal at Cowdenbeath for trains running in multiple formations
- The coastal route via Kirkcaldy is served by services operating between Edinburgh and Dundee/Perth
- The existing express services that operate between Edinburgh and Perth are withdrawn and are replaced by a regular hourly stopping service via Kirkcaldy (instead of the current limited express service)
- The existing express services that operate between Edinburgh and Dundee/Arbroath are withdrawn and are replaced by a regular hourly stopping service via Kirkcaldy
- Local services between Dundee and Arbroath are now self-contained
- This change to Perth and Dundee services gives local stations new direct journey opportunities to and from Perth and Dundee, and removes the need to change trains at Kirkcaldy for longer distance journeys
- All services operating between Edinburgh and Inverness are diverted via Stirling and will no longer serve Fife. Connections will still be available at Perth for passengers travelling between Fife and the Highlands
- Local services operating between Dundee and Arbroath are now self-contained and have been retimed throughout. Passengers will be required to change trains at Dundee to travel between local stations in Tayside and Fife/Edinburgh

4.3 Edinburgh – Glenrothes/Perth/Dundee Fife (Continued...)

The changes being made in Fife makes better use of capacity on the route with the express services withdrawn.

Service levels at Kirkcaldy, Inverkeithing and Edinburgh Gateway stations reduce by 2 x trains per hour as the current express services are now combined with the existing stopping services. The number of calls at Dalmeny and North Queensferry have been reduced as the number of passengers did not justify the original service provision. These stations still receive 2 x trains per hour to and from Edinburgh off-peak, with additional trains calling there during the peak periods.

There will be longer journey times from Perth and Dundee to Edinburgh through Fife, although the fast trains from Dundee (which have come from Aberdeen) will still provide an express service between Dundee, North Fife and Edinburgh.

The existing peak hour HST workings between Edinburgh and Fife have been withdrawn.

All services are planned to be worked by class 158 and 170 units, which we will operate in multiple where possible.

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Subject: December Timetable Change Brief - version two

Hello all,

Please see an updated version of the Timetable Change Brief for December 2022.

All updates to the document are highlighted in yellow.

Please feel free to share this document with your teams ahead of the timetable change.

Many thanks,
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Subject: Updated: Dec 22 Timetable Change Brief - version three

Hello all,

Please see attached an updated version of the Timetable Change Brief for December 2022, with any updates highlighted in yellow.

Please feel free to share this with your teams.

If anyone has any questions, or wishes to have any other colleagues added to the distribution list for future versions of this document, then please feel free to get in touch.

Many thanks,
Jonathan.

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December 2022

Timetable Change Brief – version three

ScotRail Service Planning

Introduction

Hello, and welcome to the Timetable Change Brief for December 2022.

The December 2022 timetable change will welcome more services and better connectivity for our customers across Scotland. The main highlights of the forthcoming timetable change are listed below:

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There will also be some changes to late night and weekend services in the base December 2022 timetable due to improvement works on the Fife and **[OUT OF SCOPE]**

These works are vital to facilitate future service enhancements, which, in turn, will make Scotland's Railway a greener and better railway for us all.

The strategic timetable planning team is continuing to work on further timetable enhancements as part of the *Fit for the Future* timetable changes for the May and December 2023 timetable changes. More information on these proposals will be released in the coming months.

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- December 2022 Fleet Deployment Figures

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- **December 2022 Fleet Changes**

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Line of Route Changes

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Glasgow/Edinburgh to Aberdeen *InterCity*

- [OUT OF SCOPE]
- Aberdeen retains 12 x ScotRail services to Edinburgh and 13 x ScotRail services from Edinburgh Monday to Saturday. LNER and CrossCountry trains continue to operate services between Edinburgh and Aberdeen, providing extra services in addition to the ScotRail services on that route
- [OUT OF SCOPE]
- The 04:56 Inverness to Edinburgh (via Aberdeen) now calls additionally at Leuchars Monday to Saturday, giving an additional arrival from North Fife into Edinburgh prior to 10:00
- On Sundays, the 19:04 Aberdeen to Edinburgh service will no longer call at Broughty Ferry due to a short platform at this station. Instead, Broughty Ferry will be served by an additional call on the 19:46 Aberdeen to Glasgow service

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In order to accommodate the retimed Aberdeen to London Euston Caledonian Sleeper service (which now runs earlier Monday to Thursday evenings at 20:26 due to the evening electrification works in Fife), we have had to make some platform changes at Aberdeen on Monday to Thursday evenings. There will be some differences to platforms on Monday to Thursday evenings versus Friday evenings. These platform changes will be communicated with the local teams at Aberdeen prior to the timetable change.

Note: The highlighted text above has been added to the version 3 as compared to version 2 of the document.

- **Glasgow/Edinburgh to Inverness** *Inter7City*

- **[OUT OF SCOPE]**

- All services from both Edinburgh and Glasgow continue run via Stirling each day Services will continue to only call at Haymarket (from Edinburgh), Stirling and Perth.

- **[OUT OF SCOPE]**

- No services between Inverness and Edinburgh will operate via Fife Monday to Saturday. Connections are still available at Perth for passengers travelling towards Fife, or at Haymarket

- **[OUT OF SCOPE]**

The 08:37 Edinburgh to Inverness starts now runs Monday to Saturday, **[OUT OF SCOPE]**

- The 04:56 Inverness to Edinburgh (via Aberdeen) now calls additionally at Leuchars Monday to Saturday, giving an additional arrival from North Fife into Edinburgh prior to 10:00

- **[OUT OF SCOPE]**

Following on from stakeholder and customer feedback, the 10:50 Inverness to Edinburgh service will now operate with 5 cars vice 3. This will provide more room for tourists on board departing Inverness, and for leisure travellers joining the service at stations between Inverness and Perth. This change means that, in order to balance the sets in the north of the country, the 10:33 Edinburgh to Inverness service also now runs with 5 cars vice 3. The changes to the 10:50 Inverness to Edinburgh/10:33 Edinburgh to Inverness services drives a number of changes to formations on the Aberdeen to Inverness route. More details on the formation changes in this part of the network can be found in the relevant section of this document.

- **[OUT OF SCOPE]**

- **[OUT OF SCOPE]**

- **Edinburgh – Glenrothes/Perth/Dundee** *Fife*

Fife continues to only operate as a ‘circular’ service on Sundays. Monday to Saturday, no trains will run between Kirkcaldy and Dunfermline. Passengers making these journeys will need to continue to change at Inverkeithing.

- 1 x path every hour operates between Edinburgh and Glenrothes via Dunfermline, and 1 x path every hour operates between Edinburgh and Cowdenbeath. Some of these then run ECS to Glenrothes as there is not a walking route for drivers at the turnback signal at Cowdenbeath for trains running in multiple formations. We also have a number of these ECS moves which now turnback at Thornton South Junction – this is to assist with the retention of Fife Circle route knowledge
- The coastal route via Kirkcaldy is served by services operating between Edinburgh and Dundee/Perth

All services continue to be planned to be worked by class 158 and 170 units, which we will operate in multiple where possible.

In addition to the above, the following trains will now call additionally at South Gyle Monday to Saturday:

- The 17:19 (17:18 Sat) Edinburgh to Cowdenbeath service
- The 18:18 Edinburgh to Cowdenbeath service

In order to accommodate the retimed Aberdeen to London Euston Caledonian Sleeper service (which now runs earlier Monday to Thursday evenings at 20:26 due to the evening electrification works in Fife), we have had to retime the 21:49 Dundee to Edinburgh service to depart at 21:29 on Monday to Thursday evenings (running earlier throughout). The train will remain as a 21:49 service on Friday evenings.

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- **Edinburgh – Glenrothes/Perth/Dundee *Fife* (continued...)**

In preparation for future electrification of this route, some services are withdrawn, amended or diverted Monday to Thursday and Sunday evenings in order to give [REDACTED] more access to the line to undertake these improvement works.

The following services are now withdrawn Monday to Thursday and Sunday evenings for the duration of the December 2022 timetable, but will continue to operate on Friday and Saturday evenings to support the late-night economy:

- The 23:13 Perth to Edinburgh service Monday to Thursday
- The 23:25 Glenrothes to Edinburgh service Monday to Thursday
- The 23:36 Edinburgh to Inverkeithing service on Sundays

The following services are amended Monday to Thursday:

- The 22:43 Glenrothes to Edinburgh service terminates at Inverkeithing
- The 23:18 Edinburgh to Perth service starts at Inverkeithing

The following services are diverted:

- The 22:31 Dundee to Edinburgh service runs non-stop between Inverkeithing and Haymarket and diverts via the Winchburgh chord line and Linlithgow Monday to Thursday
- The 22:58 Glenrothes to Edinburgh service runs non-stop between Inverkeithing and Haymarket and diverts via the Winchburgh chord line and Linlithgow on Sundays

As part of this work, the following rail replacement bus services will operate:

- 22:45 Edinburgh to Inverkeithing service Monday to Thursday (calling at North Queensferry only, and connecting into the 23:43 service to Perth at Inverkeithing)
- 23:36 Edinburgh to Inverkeithing service on Sundays (calling at all stations)

The above buses will operate on a trial basis for 8 weeks in order to assess passenger demand for rail replacement services on this route. A review of bus patronage will occur in January to determine if the above buses will continue to operate beyond the 4th of February 2023. Please note that these buses will not appear in public timetables but will appear on National Rail Enquiries/Journey Planning apps.

No other rail replacement services apart from the ones listed above will operate and instances where there is no rail replacement, passengers should use alternative services or make other arrangements for their journey.

Late evening services will be reinstated on this route once improvement works have been completed.

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Subject: RE: Provision of services to Leven

Dear all,

Following the discussion on the Leven timetable at PPB, please find attached a briefing note and proposed next step. We can pick up at the next RDDG but please feedback any thoughts and comments in the meantime.

Best wishes

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Subject: Provision of services to Leven

[REDACTED]

Following the RDDG this morning, my current availability over the next couple of weeks to meet and discuss the provision of services to Leven is as follows:

- Wednesday 8 June before 14:00
- Friday 9 June between 10:00 and 15:00

- Monday 13 June before 11:00 and between 13:00 and 14:00
- Tuesday 14 June before 10:30 and between 11:30 and 13:00
- Wednesday 15 June before 13:30
- Thursday 16 June before 10:00

I am then on annual leave and won't be back at work until 27 June.

To hopefully articulate what I believe is the problem:

[REDACTED s30 (b)(i)]

Kind regards,
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1. Background

The Scottish Government is funding the reopening of the Levenmouth branch between Thornton North Junction and Leven for rail passenger and freight services. The infrastructure is being designed to support a half hourly passenger rail service to Edinburgh from new stations at Leven and Cameron Bridge.

The Outline Business Case (OBC) was completed in May 2021 and appraised a service based upon the pre-pandemic December 2019 timetable for Fife. This operated four trains each hour between Edinburgh and Fife all of which could theoretically be extended to Leven. The OBC recommended extending two trains per hour, providing one train per hour between Edinburgh and Leven via Dunfermline and one train per hour via Kirkcaldy.

In August and September 2021, ScotRail undertook a public consultation on new passenger timetables across East, Central and South West Scotland. The development work in preparing the consultation proposals identified there was significantly more capacity than pre-pandemic passenger demand required in these areas. The *Fit for the Future* proposal for Fife provided a regular half hourly service at stations across the region whilst reducing the December 2019 service level of seven trains per hour operating across the Forth Bridge in each direction, to five trains per hour. Connectivity was maintained with fewer services by combining regional and local services between Edinburgh, Fife, and Dundee, and between Edinburgh, Fife, and Perth. The *Fit for the Future* proposal included Edinburgh to Kirkcaldy and Edinburgh to Glenrothes (via Dunfermline) terminating services which could be extended to Leven once the new line opened.

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The *Fit for the Future* timetable was introduced on 15 May 2022. The actual timetable introduced was significantly amended from the consultation proposals to address customer and stakeholder concerns on Perth to Edinburgh journey times and connectivity between East Fife and Perth. The final timetable was endorsed through the established industry governance forums and the amendments were well received by customers and stakeholders.

This timetable operates the following services Mondays to Saturdays:

- One local train per hour between Edinburgh and Cowdenbeath via Dunfermline.
- One local train per hour between Edinburgh and Glenrothes with Thornton via Dunfermline.
- One local train per hour between Edinburgh and Perth via Kirkcaldy.
- One local train per hour between Edinburgh and Dundee via Kirkcaldy.
- One intercity train per hour between Edinburgh and Aberdeen, interworked with LNER.
- Additional local services between Fife and Edinburgh during peak hours Mondays to Fridays.

The actual timetable introduced in May 2022 means there is no longer a service operating via Kirkcaldy which can be diverted to Leven without negatively impacting other customers in Fife and Tayside. However, there are now two trains each hour operating via Dunfermline which can run through from Glenrothes to Leven.

[REDACTED s30 (b)(i)]

2. Qualitative Assessment of Timetable Options

The table below sets out a qualitative assessment of the three timetable options summarised above considering operating cost, passenger demand and revenue and stakeholder views. Proposed next steps will be to quantify the impacts of each.

	Option A	Option B	Option C
Operating costs (compared to the May 2022 timetable as a baseline)	[REDACTED s.33 (1)(b)]	[REDACTED s.33 (1)(b)]	[REDACTED s.33 (1)(b)]
Revenue impact from new passengers	[REDACTED s.33 (1)(b)]	[REDACTED s.33 (1)(b)]	[REDACTED s.33 (1)(b)]
Revenue impact from existing passengers	[REDACTED s.33 (1)(b)]	[REDACTED s.33 (1)(b)]	[REDACTED s.33 (1)(b)]
Timetable interval	[REDACTED s30 (b)(i)]	[REDACTED s30 (b)(i)]	[REDACTED s30 (b)(i)]
Expected stakeholder feedback	[REDACTED s30 (b)(i)]	[REDACTED s30 (b)(i)]	[REDACTED s30 (b)(i)]
Other public transport modes	[REDACTED s30 (b)(i)]	[REDACTED s30 (b)(i)]	[REDACTED s30 (b)(i)]

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Subject: Submission to Minister - Upcoming December Timetable Change (and Xmas services)

Minister / PO,

Please find attached a submission on the upcoming rail timetable changes in Scotland from next week and the provisional arrangements for services over the Christmas and New Year period.

<https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk:8443/documents/A41544813/details>

The timetable changes from 11 December are generally very positive, with some services being added back into the ScotRail timetable and some good journey time improvements.

There are also planned changes to some of the final Sunday to Thursday evening services through Fife and through Carstairs to accommodate the respective overnight route enhancement works.

Officials can offer a further detailed discussion session on the timetable changes if the Minister would like?

We are also looking for the Minister's views on the provisional arrangements for services over the Christmas and New Year period as set out in the submission and for any views on future Christmas / New Year service levels.

Cheers,
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Minister for Transport

5. DECEMBER 2022 RAIL TIMETABLE CHANGE IN SCOTLAND
6. Including Information on Christmas and New Year Services for
December 2022 / January 2023

6.1 Priority and Purpose

1. To provide information on improvements to train service levels in Scotland from **Sunday 11 December 2022**, and for Minister to advise if content with the provisional arrangements for services over the Christmas and New Year Period.

6.2 Background

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Full details of all planned ScotRail changes are included in [Annex A](#).

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6.3 December Timetable Change

[OUT OF SCOPE] Weekday evening Aberdeen to Edinburgh service will now run on Fridays only. [OUT OF SCOPE]

Sunday evening Aberdeen to Edinburgh services will now terminate / start at Dundee.

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Detail of Christmas and New Year services is included in [Annex B](#).

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6.4 Sensitivities

[REDACTED s.30(b)(i)]

- 6.5
- 6.6 Financial Considerations

[REDACTED s.30(b)(i)]

- 6.7 Quality Assurance

2. This Submission has been approved **[REDACTED]**

- 6.8 Conclusion

3. The Minister is invited to advise if she is content with the proposed ScotRail Christmas and New Year service plan and offer any views on preferences for future festive period service levels.

4. The Minister is invited to note the service changes planned for the 11 December timetable change.

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ANNEX A

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6.9 Line of Route Changes

6.10

Inverness – Kyle/Wick *Far North*

There have been minor retimings on this route in order to meet connections at Inverness with services to and from Aberdeen and the Central Belt.

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6.11 Glasgow/Edinburgh to Aberdeen *Inter7City*

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Aberdeen retains 12 x ScotRail services to Edinburgh and 13 x ScotRail services from Edinburgh Monday to Saturday. **[REDACTED]** trains continue to operate services between Edinburgh and Aberdeen, providing extra services in addition to the ScotRail services on that route

- **[OUT OF SCOPE]**
- The 04:56 Inverness to Edinburgh (via Aberdeen) now calls additionally at Leuchars Monday to Saturday, giving an additional arrival from North Fife into Edinburgh prior to 10:00
- On Sundays, the 19:04 Aberdeen to Edinburgh service will no longer call at Broughty Ferry due to a short platform at this station. Instead, Broughty Ferry will be served by an additional call on the 19:46 Aberdeen to Glasgow service

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In order to accommodate the retimed Aberdeen to London Euston Caledonian Sleeper service (which now runs earlier Monday to Thursday evenings at 20:26 due to the evening electrification works in Fife), we have had to make some platform changes at Aberdeen on Monday to Thursday evenings. There will be some differences to platforms on Monday to Thursday evenings versus Friday evenings. These platform changes will be communicated with the local teams at Aberdeen prior to the timetable change.

6.12 Glasgow/Edinburgh to Inverness *Inter7City*

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All services from both Edinburgh and Glasgow continue run via Stirling each day. Services will continue to only call at Haymarket (from Edinburgh), Stirling and Perth. Smaller intermediate stations will now be served by the new Glasgow to Dundee services Monday to Saturday

No services between Inverness and Edinburgh will operate via Fife Monday to Saturday. Connections are still available at Perth for passengers travelling towards Fife, or at Haymarket

- **[OUT OF SCOPE]**

- The 08:37 Edinburgh to Inverness starts now runs Monday to Saturday, and no longer starts at Perth on a Monday morning, with the Oxwellmains freight path now running at a different time to allow our service to run
- The 04:56 Inverness to Edinburgh (via Aberdeen) now calls additionally at Leuchars Monday to Saturday, giving an additional arrival from North Fife into Edinburgh prior to 10:00
- **[OUT OF SCOPE]**

Following on from stakeholder and customer feedback, the 10:50 Inverness to Edinburgh service will now operate with 5 cars vice 3. This will provide more room for tourists on board departing Inverness, and for leisure travellers joining the service at stations between Inverness and Perth. This change means that, in order to balance the sets in the north of the country, the 10:33 Edinburgh to Inverness service also now runs with 5 cars vice 3. The changes to the 10:50 Inverness to Edinburgh/10:33 Edinburgh to Inverness services drives a number of changes to formations on the Aberdeen to Inverness route. More details on the formation changes in this part of the network can be found in the relevant section of this document.

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6.13 Edinburgh – Glenrothes/Perth/Dundee *Fife*

Fife continues to only operate as a ‘circular’ service on Sundays. Monday to Saturday, no trains will run between Kirkcaldy and Dunfermline. Passengers making these journeys will need to continue to change at Inverkeithing.

1 x path every hour operates between Edinburgh and Glenrothes via Dunfermline, and 1 x path every hour operates between Edinburgh and Cowdenbeath. Some of these then run ECS to Glenrothes as there is not a walking route for drivers at the turnback signal at Cowdenbeath for trains running in multiple formations. We also have a number of these ECS moves which now turnback at Thornton South Junction – this is to assist with the retention of Fife Circle route knowledge

The coastal route via Kirkcaldy is served by services operating between Edinburgh and Dundee/Perth

All services continue to be planned to be worked by class 158 and 170 units, which we will operate in multiple where possible.

In addition to the above, the following trains will now call additionally at South Gyle Monday to Saturday:

- The 17:19 (17:18 Sat) Edinburgh to Cowdenbeath service
- The 18:18 Edinburgh to Cowdenbeath service

In order to accommodate the retimed Aberdeen to London Euston Caledonian Sleeper service (which now runs earlier Monday to Thursday evenings at 20:26 due to the evening electrification works in Fife), we have had to retime the 21:49 Dundee to Edinburgh service

to depart at 21:29 on Monday to Thursday evenings (running earlier throughout). The train will remain as a 21:49 service on Friday evenings.

6.14 Edinburgh – Glenrothes/Perth/Dundee *Fife* (continued...)

In preparation for future electrification of this route, some services are withdrawn, amended or diverted Monday to Thursday and Sunday evenings in order to give [REDACTED] more access to the line to undertake these improvement works.

The following services are now withdrawn Monday to Thursday and Sunday evenings for the duration of the December 2022 timetable, but will continue to operate on Friday and Saturday evenings to support the late-night economy:

- The 23:13 Perth to Edinburgh service Monday to Thursday
- The 23:25 Glenrothes to Edinburgh service Monday to Thursday
- The 23:36 Edinburgh to Inverkeithing service on Sundays

The following services are amended Monday to Thursday:

- The 22:43 Glenrothes to Edinburgh service terminates at Inverkeithing
- The 23:18 Edinburgh to Perth service starts at Inverkeithing

The following services are diverted:

- The 22:31 Dundee to Edinburgh service runs non-stop between Inverkeithing and Haymarket and diverts via the Winchburgh chord line and Linlithgow Monday to Thursday
- The 22:58 Glenrothes to Edinburgh service runs non-stop between Inverkeithing and Haymarket and diverts via the Winchburgh chord line and Linlithgow on Sundays

As part of this work, the following rail replacement bus services will operate:

- 22:45 Edinburgh to Inverkeithing service Monday to Thursday (calling at North Queensferry only, and connecting into the 23:43 service to Perth at Inverkeithing)
- 23:36 Edinburgh to Inverkeithing service on Sundays (calling at all stations)

The above buses will operate on a trial basis for 8 weeks in order to assess passenger demand for rail replacement services on this route. A review of bus patronage will occur in January to determine if the above buses will continue to operate beyond the 4th of February 2023. Please note that these buses will not appear in public timetables but will appear on National Rail Enquiries/Journey Planning apps.

No other rail replacement services apart from the ones listed above will operate and instances where there is no rail replacement, passengers should use alternative services or make other arrangements for their journey.

Late evening services will be reinstated on this route once improvement works have been completed.

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ANNEX B

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