

**West of England Combined Authority
Overview & Scrutiny Committee**

Extraordinary meeting – 20 September 2021

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WEST OF ENGLAND COMBINED AUTHORITY

EXTRAORDINARY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

20 SEPTEMBER 2021

Statements received for this meeting:

1. David Redgewell – climate emergency

STATEMENT 1 – David Redgewell

Statement on the climate change emergency plan.

We are concerned about the lack of a decarbonised public transport network plan for the mayor of west of England combined authority and North Somerset council area.

We have no regional Targets.

There does not appear to be timescales in line with the Department for transport dates of December 2030 to remove all Diesel buses from the public transport network in line with First group with its Regional bus Depots in Bristol Hengrove, Lawrence Hill, Bath Weston island, Weston super mare and Wells Somerset. Stagecoach west depots at Patchway Bristol, Gloucester, Stroud and Plymouth. Faresaver buses in Chippenham.

Hct group bus depot at Parson street Depot and Rapt Bath in Keynsham. Somerset.

As Mayor Dan Norris is responsible for the bus network in the west of England combined authority area with North Somerset council through a joint arrangement under the bus back better Bus service improvement plan.

We need clear targets for Electrification of the bus network and target for Gas power buses and hydrogen buses.

Targets to improve bus services.

Network work improvements extra bus service passenger journeys.

Information to the travelling public.

Realtime information displays. Paper timetable at bus stops.

Investment is required for bus shelters bus and coach station.

There should also be clear targets bus services across the network especially on orbital network such as 18 Kingswood, Warmley, North Common, Oldland Common, Willsbridge, Keynsham, Salford, Newbridge, Bath spa bus and coach station.

Service 5 Downend, Oldbury Court Fishponds, Stapleton village, Eastville park, Stapleton village, St Werburghs, St Paul's and Bristol city centre.

The loss of an evening and Sunday services.

The 19 Cribbs Causeway bus station to Patchway, Bristol parkway station uwe Bristol, Frenchay, Hambrook, Downend, Staple Hill, Hillfields, Kingswood, Warmley, Cadbury Heath, Oldland Common, Bitton, Kelston, Weston, RUH back Entrance, Bath spa bus and coach station.

Has no evening service.

Rural bus services.

With the climate change emergency and bus services improvement plan and the joint local transport plan with North Somerset council.

We need clear Targets for journeys by bus and coach, walking and cycling within the climate change emergency.

Strategic plan

With West of England mayor combined authority and North Somerset council opposing the Expansion of Bristol Airport.

Whilst it is important to improve public transport network to Bristol Airport by Bus from Bristol bus station Bristol Temple meads station to the Airport.

Buses from Bath spa, Keynsham, Brislington, Hengrove, Bishopsworth and Bristol Airport.

Coach service from Plymouth, Newton Abbot, Exeter, Wellington, Taunton Bridgwater, Brent Knoll, Churchill, Bristol Airport and Bristol city centre. By stagecoach. This route needs to look at electric Coaches.

And a mass transit light rail link to Bristol city centre and Bristol Temple meads.

With regards to the Railway alternative to flying with the UK and Europe. The climate change emergency plan for the West of England mayoral combined authority and North Somerset council.

North Somerset council needs to be a full member of the West of England combined authority.

With a governance review.

The railway plan for decarbonisation in the West of England combined authority and North Somerset council.

There appears to be no target for extension of the Great Western main line Electrification to Bristol Temple meads via Bath spa, Oldfield Park and Keynsham with all the Bridge and track lowering work been carried and extra track on Filton Bank and Bristol east junction are completed the electrification process to Bristol Parkway and Patchway.

Other routes needing electrification are the main line to Birmingham. For Manchester, the North and Scotland.

To Weston super Mare, Taunton and the rest of the south west Exeter, Plymouth and Penzance.

The local railway line in metro from Bristol Temple Meads station to Ashley Down, Horfield, Filton North for the area and Henbury for Cribbs Causeway. Bristol Temple Meads to Ashton Gate, Pill and Portishead.

Bristol Temple Meads station to Clifton Down, Avonmouth Dock and Severn Beach.

We need electrification of the freight lines to Bristol Temple Meads to Portishead line for Portbury Dock and Bristol Temple Meads to Henbury and Avonmouth.

Bristol Temple Meads station to St Anne's Park new station, Keynsham, Saltford new station, Oldfield Park, Bath spa, Freshford, Avoncliffe, Bradford on Avon, Trowbridge, Westbury, Warminster or Frome.

We need to make sure that with new railways, station lines service keep operating Bristol Temple Meads station to Bath spa to Chippenham, Swindon and London Paddington.

Bristol Temple Meads to Bath spa to Westbury, Salisbury, Southampton Portsmouth.

Bristol Temple Meads to Bath spa, Westbury, Frome, Yeovil, Dorchester west and Weymouth.

We need to upgrade and electrification the region railway network.

With First group, Great Western railway and South Western railway and cross country trains.

We need a West of England mayoral combined authority and North Somerset council plan to decarbonise our Railway working with Network rail western route with western gateway transport board and south west transport.

We must prevent the loss of service Bristol Temple Meads station, Keynsham, Oldfield Park, Bath spa, Bradford on Avon, Trowbridge, Westbury, Warminster, Salisbury to London Waterloo.

Because the Bristol Temple meads to Westbury metro service will get the path.

Discussion should take place to south western railway operating operation a 2 hourly service to London Waterloo.

As both Great western railway and south western railway are First group companies.

The mayor strategic plan should also have clear climate change target for net zero by 2030.

David Redgwell

Additional comments;

Bristol disabled equalities forum is working with Bristol city council and he Bristol mayor on the climate change emergency.

We are holding public consultation on the climate change emergency and disabled people.

We would like to clear targets in the west of England combined authority and North Somerset council.

Climate change emergency plan taking account of the Public sector equalities duty Network rail western route diversity equalities impact assessments.

Disability people wish to see the metro mayor Dan Norris delivery a fully accessible and inclusive public transport network both for bus services bus station interchanges.

Target for electric hydrogen power buses gas buses will talking passengers information Double wheelchair spaces and bus stops castle kerbs shelter with passengers information realtime screens and talking bus stops and information at Bus stations and interchanges and Railway stations.

We welcome the metro mayor opposition to the Expansion of Bristol Airport. But we fill that an improved and electricified railway system needs to be developed both linking the Inter city Express network and the local metro west railway network in the lines

From Bristol Temple meads station keynsham oidfield park Bath spa Freshford Avoncliffe Bradford on Avon, Trowbridge and Westbury.

Bristol Temple meads to pill and portishead.

Bristol Temple meads station to Lawrence hill station Stapleton road station both station are not fully accessible Ashley down new station Filton Abbey wood, Filton North for the arena Henbury for cribbs causeway bus station.

Filton Abbey wood Bristol parkway yate Charfield cam and Dursey stonehouse Bristol road and Gloucester central.

On the Bristol Temple meads to Weston super mare and Taunton railway line

We need Bedminster station to be made fully accessible Parson street station Nailsea and Backwell Yatton for Clevedon, Worle Parkway station and Weston Millon and Weston super mare

We need a fully accessible decarbonised railways by 2030

And the Chippenham to Bath Spa Bristol Temple meads and Bristol Parkway line fully electrified.

Community transport companies need fleet of Clean fuel buses gas electricity and hydrogen.

We do not see clear targets for buses and public transport.

We need to see more Public consultation on the bus, cycling, walk and e scooter

On pavements widening designed bus boards and drop kerbs.

Example of this is the Bristol to Bath A4 cycling walking and Public transport strategy consultation. Continue pavements.

Accessible taxis policy for South Gloucestershire Council

Taxi access strategy for the West of England Combined Authority and North Somerset Council.

Yate master plan.

Thornbury High Street.

Bath city centre security zone .

Bristol city central pedestrianisation of Bristol Bridge and the Old City.

Kingswood town centre.

Weston super mare bus and coach interchange. LEF funding.

Review of disabled parking and electric charging points especially at super market .

Mass transit system

All projects funded by the Metro Mayor Dan Norris and the West of England Combined Authority

On planning we have a clear plan at a strategic level by the Metro Mayor Dan Norris and the Combined Authority.

With targets for more affordable housing and council homes in the West of England Combined Authority and North Somerset Council.

Especially home built to meet needs of disabled people..

Regeneration of brownfield land

Protection of green space and parks .

Including a rural inclusion policy.

The present climate change emergency plan at the West of England Combined Authority lack any delivery date or targets.

We hope Mayor Norris will review this policy with Bristol City Council, Bath and North Somerset Council and North Somerset Council.

Bristol Disability Equalities Forum support a governance review of the West of England Combined Authority and North Somerset joining the Authority.

Gordon Richardson Chair Bristol Disability Equalities Forum.

David Redgewell, South West Transport Network and Railfuture Severnside.

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