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Public Statements

1) Public statement from Mr David Redgewell

Dear councillor.

We again bring to your attention the difficulties and hardships on residents and visitors to Greater Bristol try to use the public transport and bus Network

Many community groups residents Tenants association youth group

Have Express very deep concern about

about not being able to get school

College university work hospital food shopping and other shopping and leisure and Tourism facilities.

The public transport Network is the responsibility of the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority and North Somerset council jointly through the bus service improvement plans.

With funding through the bus service improvement plan and importantly the funding the supported bus service through the transport levy.

Paid by the unity councils Bristol city council Banes and South Gloucestershire council with contributions from North Somerset council.

The power to provide public bus services is the responsibility of the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority and North Somerset council

Mayor Dan Norris and councillor Hannah young transport executive North Somerset council.

And Bristol city council Banes South Gloucestershire county council under the west of England mayoral combined Authority act .

The areas of Greater Bristol and Bath city region are on the following areas

With bus route having been withdrawn

Service 5 / 47 route from Bristol city centre st Paul st werburges Eastville park Stapleton Broomhill Fishponds oidbury court Downend Emerson green puckchurch westerleight yate bus station yate North

Which could be restored by extending stagecoach west 525 Yate North Yate bus station, westerleight puckchurch Emerson green service back to Bristol city centre.

Via Downend oidbury court, Fishponds Broomhill, Stapleton, Eastville park

The service could terminate at The Eastgate centre or Bristol city centre.

Ashton vale .

Is a community on the North Somerset council city and county of Bristol border

Without a public bus service since the withdrawn of bus service 23

From Ashton vale Southville Bristol city centre bus .

But the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority and North Somerset council.

Run the 505 Southmead hospital bus station Clifton, Hotwells ,Ashton Gate long Ashton park and ride service

Run by stagecoach west and can be extended to Ashton vale estate and Back to the long Ashton park and ride via winterstoke Road

For a connection to Southville Bristol city centre Cabot circus, oid market ,Easton Eastville ,Horfield, lockleaze,Southmead hospital bus station

By First group plc bus 24

West of England buses .

Bristlington, knowle, Hengrove, whichurch park Hartcliffe and Bishopsworth.

Service 36 Bristol city centre, Old market, Barton hill, St Anne's park needs extension to Bristlington, via Hungerford road knowle Hengrove hospital, whichurch estate Hartcliffe, Bishopsworth.

Service 52 Bishopsworth South Bristol hospital to Bristol city centre and Broadmead.
Has been withdrawn this weekend.

672, Bladon Chew valley, Bridgwater Road Bedminster Bristol city centre has been withdrawn.

This leaves South Bristol cemetery without any bus service.

The 52, 672 service needs addressing

With a new service starting from cheddar.

North Bristol.

Service 10 and 11.

Service 10 11 operators from shirehampton and Avonmouth to Westbury on Trym and Southmead hospital bus station but leaving the community with bus link except at school and colleges and work journeys

To use bus and coach station Bristol parkway railway station

This link needs to be restored to allow passengers to get to and from the university and City of Bristol college

And South Gloucestershire and Stroud college.

Bradley Stoke Aztec West Hortham Alverston Thornbury.

Service 622 Cribbs Causeway bus station Bristol zoo, Lower Almondsbury, Olverton Alverston Thornbury, Tytherington and Yate bus and coach station.

Which at present is just a school and colleges service 917

Services in South East Bristol and North East Somerset.

The 522 Bristol bus and coach station Bristol Temple Meads station.

Arnos Vale Bristlington Keynsham Marksbury, Timbury, Paulton, Midsomer Norton Westfield, Radstock Peasdown St John Bath Spa bus and coach station.

This service needs to operate via Bristol bus and coach station Bristol Temple Meads station, Arnos Vale, Bristlington Keynsham, Marksbury Timbury Paulton Midsomer Norton Tesco, Timbury Tunley Bath Spa bus and coach station.

Service 414, 424 Frome coach station To Radstock Westfield Midsomer Norton Paulton needs to include bus route 82.

In North Somerset council area

Service 126 Wells bus and coach station

Easton, Draycott, Cheddar, Axbridge Winscombe, Banwell, Locking, Weston bus and coach station interchanges.

Needs urgently restoring

It was promised in September 2023

And October 2023 .

Alan Peters of Abus has offered to run the service.

Service changes in Greater Bristol to serv

Areas without bus services .

Are service No1 from cribs causeway bus station to Bromhill and Bristlington.

Via Blase castle estate, Henbury westbury on Trym, The Downs Clifton Down station park street, Bristol city centre, Bristol Broadmead shopping centre Bristol Temple meads station Arnos vale Bristlington at sandy park road the route can split going service 1 Alison road Bromhill Bristlington.

1 a sandy park road St Anne's park Guilford Road Broomhill road Bristlington trading estate

Hungerford Road, Bristlington village, school Road

Bristlington st Anne's park, Wick Road

Sandy park road Bath road normal route .

Other route is service 24 24 a

Running from Ashton gate Southville Bedminster Redcliffe Bristol city centre Bristol cabot circus oid market Easton Eastville Horfield lockleaze Bristol Southmead hospital bus station

The other route is 24a being split

From some service could start from Bishopsworth upland on the 52 route Ashton vale Southville

Bedminster Redcliffe Bristol city centre, Bristol cabot circus st Paul's st werburges Eastville park

Horfield lockleaze Southmead hospital bus station .

Westlink Demand responsive bus services.

Northern area .

Needs to serv the following

Destination to make interchange with

Bus and train services.

Aztec west metro bus stop

Bristol cribs causeway bus station.

Bristol parkway station.

Uwe bus station

Filton Abbey wood station

Patchway station.

Southmead hospital bus station.

Downend ?oidbury court ,Fishponds Broomhill, Stapleton ,Eastville park

Easton, Barton hill,Dings

Bristol Temple meads station

In South area

To serv Ashton vale

Long Ashton park and ride site

Bristlington park and ride site.

Bristlington Hungerford road.

Bristol Temple meads station

Abus service review with new contracts and service is due to go to the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority

West of England scrutiny commission in
October 2023

And 6 th October 2023 west of England mayoral combined Authority committee.

And joint committee on 6th October 2023 .

Bus service are very important in Greater Bristol and Bath city region community's and will be a major issue in the Bristol city council election and General election.

And council Cheney and his proposals for the transport levy from Bristol city council to the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority mayor Dan Norris and North Somerset council must be scrutinised.

Other public transport Network issues

Investment is the need to progress

Metro west railway service Network

Henbury loop station platform needs planning permission granted

In south Gloucestershire county council area .

With provision made for through running

To Avonmouth Dock station.

And construction of stations at Filton arena and Exhibition centre And Ashley Down.

On the Bristol Temple meads station

To Bedminster, Parson street, pill Portishead with a new station at Ashton Gate.

The business case is being rewritten.

For the Portishead line.

With the opening of Bristol portway park and ride .

A bid has been put in for a full public transport interchanges bus access

To allow buses to travel to Severnside and North Bristol via Lawrence weston Westbury on Trym Southmead hospital bus station uwe bus and coach station and Bristol parkway station.

To Severnside.

And to Portishead and clevedon.

The Terminal building and Ev charges need addressing and Taxis provision.

Tickets office closures.

And the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority and North Somerset council.

Western gateway Transport Board

Objections.

To the closures of tickets offices

On the metro west railway Network

At Cheltenham spa

Gloucester central.

Yate

Bristol parkway.

Bristol Temple meads station.

Keynsham,

Oidfiled park.
Bath spa
Bradford on Avon
Trowbridge Westbury warminster Salisbury/ Frome.
Nalisea and Backwell
Yatton for clevedon.
Worle parkway.
Weston super mare.
Bridgwater.
Taunton.
Theses tickets office
Sale 50% Discount tickets for wheelchair users
Bus railway intergrated tickets
Railway ferry tickets to Ireland Northern Ireland channel islands isle of man and the Scottish island.
Railway cards.
Split and cheap
Tickets and help wheelchair and passenger with reduced mobility and Assist travel partly sighted passengers on and off the train .

On mass transit system
The Bristol bus and coach station to
Bristol Temple meads station ,Arnos vale Bristlington, keynsham ,Salford Newbridge, Weston ,Bath spa bus and coach station Railway interchange.
Is out for public consultation.
By the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority mayor Dan Norris.

But the proposal to put a road down the North Somerset railway line
Should be protected as a railway corridor.
From Bristol city centre Bristol Bus and coach station, Bristol Temple meads station Arnos vale, Bristlington, Talbot road station to Bath Road to keynsham saltford Newbridge Weston Bath spa bus and coach station railway interchange.
This link could cross the river keynsham Bitton Kelson Weston railway corridor and street run into Bath spa interchange

And a link from Callington road corridor Hengrove park whitchurch Hengrove hospital imperial park Hartcliffe Bristol Airport.

The other consultation issue to make sure bus coach and Taxis service can Operator through the proposed Broadmead shopping centre and central regeneration scheme.

And wheelchair access consultation to all coaches by the Department for transport.

And the need for the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority and North Somerset as transport Authorities
and operator on the m2 metro bus service Long Ashton park and ride site To Harbourside Redcliffe Bristol city centre Bristol Temple meads station
And Bristol cabot circus.

To have a consultation about the need to access to spike island for blue badger holders and people with reduced mobility and residents who need to access the
Their homes and small businesses
Jointly with Bristol city council as Highway Authority.

On Ferry service.

We welcome the extension of the ferry services from Hotwells Bristol city centre, Bristol Temple meads station

To Natham .

But we need an accessible boat for wheelchair accessible to be addressed by the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority.

With regards to Branding

We need to move forward

On Branding of bus stop shelters

Interchanges

Bus and coach stations

With West bus coach and rail interchange

West bus

Metro west rail .

West scooter

West e bike

West coach

West Ferry

West light rail???.

West park and ride.

We need branding like the west Midlands combined Authority major Andy street

Greater Manchester combined transport Authority mayor Andy Burnham.

We need to make urgent arrangements for the transfer Bristol city council Transport staff and especially Public transport Network staff

With Banes and South Gloucestershire council to the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority.

Their need to be an Devolution deal for North Somerset council and the local Enterprise partnership to joint the west of England mayoral combined Authority in 2025 next mayoral elections.

Please bring our statement to the scrutiny commission meeting.

David Redgewell South west transport Network.

Gordon Richardson Bristol disability equalities forum

2) Statement on behalf of the Bristol disability equities forum:

We have been asked by stakeholders in the Bristlington and Arnos vale area .
that are very concerned about the proposal for a new road in Bristlington to replace the A4 trunk
road along the former North Somerset railway line from St Philips causeway to Arnos vale
Bristlington Callington road.

The proposal will move traffic from the Bristol to Bath A 4 trunk road into the main residential area
of Bristlington and into the heart of the sandy park road shopping centre, Repton Road Harrow Road
Winchester Road and Churchill Road.

Close to local junior school.

The bring 24 hour noise and pollution

Lighting from a trunk road into a residential area village community on the edge of Bristol.

With Air pollution leading to premature deaths in Greater Bristol the community very concerned.

The Bristlington bypass was promoted by then Bristol Development corporation and stopped by
Avon County Council and Bristol city council 40 years ago.

From the spine Road to Callington road along the North Somerset railway.

Section of the route .

So when the Metro mayor Dan Norris of the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority
promised money

For a improvement bus service From

Bristol bus and coach station Bristol Temple meads station, Arnos vale Bristlington, keynsham

,salford Newbridge Newton st loe ,Weston ,Bath spa bus and coach station interchange

Many local residents welcome the improvements to the bus service.

Waiting facilities shelters cctv seat lights better design of shelters.

Quality pavement and better public realm along the A4 and Bristlington village.

Their was hope that the number 1 bus from Cribbs causeway bus station through Henbury westbury
on Trym

Clifton Down station park street Bristol city centre Bristol cabot circus

Bristol Temple meads station Arnos vale Bristlington sandy park my operate via St Anne's park

Guilford Road Broomhill Brislington Trading estate Hungerford road Bristlington village

School Road Bristlington st Anne's park sandy park and number 1 route

1 a via st Anne's 1 b via Alison road.

Using some of the new bus priority measures.

Service 36 Would run from Bristol city centre via oid market, Barton hill st Anne's park Brislington

Hungerford road knowle Hengrove hospital,whitchurch estate, Hartcliffe

Improvement to A4 Bath spa bus and coach station , weston Newbridge, saltford,keynsham,

Bristlington, Hengrove, Hartcliffe, Bishopsworth Bristol Airport.

Higher frequency and Better bus services.

That their would be better bus service to keynsham Town centre.

And bus lanes on the keynsham bypass and a stops on the bypass linked the town centre and railway
station.

Better bus stops along the A4 with real-time information stop and lightning

Seating cctv .

Green lights through salford Town centre for buses and a Green wave

Better bus facilities at Newton st loe Newbridge Weston

Bath spa bus and coach station interchanges.

With major investment in the railway station booking office and hall The station clock Glazing on
the station

Canopy lift repairs to platform 1 from the bus and coach station Glazzers Restaurant.
Better seating and lighting in the interchange reopening of the Travel centre for passengers information
With the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority First group plc west of England buses
Favesaver buses National Express coaches and Bath bus company Rapt sharing the costs with Banes council and Destination west.

There was a discussion about using the North Somerset railway corridor as a transport route for walking and cycling
And mass transit/ Bus lane .
Between the spine Road or Tramway Road and Callington road.
The proposal for a mass transit light rail system corridor
Is option supported by Public transport user groups and mayor Marvin Rees .
Between Bristol city centre, Bristol Temple meads station Arnos vale Bristlington keynsham saltford Newbridge Weston Bath spa Railway station
And to South Bristol via Callington road corridor Hengrove park whitchurch estate Hengrove hospital, Hartcliffe and Bristol Airport.

With some regeneration of Bristlington Square with redevelopment of the shopping centre into mixed use shops and house retaining the flats .

But residents of Bristlington including many older people and disabled people.
Feel let down by the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority
Bristol city council and Bath and North East Somerset council.
In to supporting a public transport improvement plan for their community and public realm only to be told on a webinar by the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority.
That it was supporting the old
Bristlington bypass scheme the former Bristol Development corporation Expressway scheme .
Which Bristol city council had objected to and stop 40 years ago .
This time promoted by consultants for the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority.
As part of a public transport Network scheme under the city Region transport fund .

So concerned about the project disabled residents contacted Bristol disability equities forum and the older people forum.

Many with respiratory illness many could not believe that plans were dusted down out of the Highway Engineer Department of Bristol city council and sent to consultants at the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority.

Following lots emails phone calls from residents and disabled people.
Bristol disability equities forum contacted the Department for transport
Who said whilst the bus upgrade scheme walking and cycling facilities scheme is funded between Bristol and Bath via Bristlington keynsham saltford.
The Bristlington bypass from Bristol spine Road St Philips causeway to Callington road was not .
This project would be subject to a further bid in 2027
After the General election.
And would require full planning permission granted CPO to made
And support from Bristol city council as planning and Highway Authority and similarly from Bath and North East Somerset council.

Under the present funding arrangement

the government is only funding pinch point on National road Network in the south west at A30 In Cornwall and A417 A419 at Birdlip Hill near Cheltenham in Gloucestershire.
The main funding being on bus and coach schemes bus service improvement plans as per the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority and North Somerset council.
Lights railway in the west Yorkshire combined transport Authority in Leeds West Yorkshire.
Railway interchange and improvements
Reopening the railways project.
Like metro west railway.
Sustainable transport.
Urban bypass scheme were not a top priority for solving congestion in urban areas like Greater Bristol and Bath.

With the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority having very few staff in house due to the failure to transfer staff from Bristol city council to the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority due to industrial problems on going with the Trade unions consultants are drawing up plans for Highway and Transport.
At the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority instead of full time west of England mayoral combined transport Authority officers

In view of the major concerns from local residents in Arnos vale Bristlington area .
Bristol city council as Highway and planning Authority and mayor Malvin Rees who is opposed to the plan .

Would the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority and North Somerset council as Bus service improvement plans Authorities.
And the would the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority and Bristol city council and Banes council make it clear as public consultation Webinars public meeting and session what part of the A4 Sustainable Transit corridor is funded for bus service improvement bus priority measures interchange bus stops walking and cycling facilities improvements.
So as people can give feedback on the delivery of the public transport improvement corridor between Bristol and Bath via Arnos vale Bristlington keynsham saltford Newbridge Weston Bath spa bus and coach station interchange.

With their view on the Bristlington bypass being made very clear it for a further bid to Department for transport after the General Elections
Bristol city council Elections and of course the road building elements of the scheme will only go ahead after the 2025 metro mayor Elections.

As this projects out for consultation we
Ask that the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority Bristol city council and Banes council to make it clear the part of the A4 project that are funded and supported to improve the Public Transport Network walking and cycling facilities.

And the Bristlington bypass on the North Somerset railway corridor
Thar is subject to further funding bids
Which are subject to the planning permission being granted by Bristol city council CPOs and public inquiry after a General election in 2027.
and Bristol city council election May 2024 .
With the cost of living crisis hitting so many people in Brislington this whole public consultation is causing untold stress to older and disabled people

Who are very worried about blit notice on their houses homes and property.

Hope this issue will be addressed during the A4 public consultation.

3) Public statement from Cllr Tim Kent (Bristol City Council)

Dear Scrutiny Committee,

As a new committee member I wish to raise my desire that the West of England Scrutiny Committee look deeper into the projects being funded and the effectiveness of that funding of the Bus Service Improvement Plan.

The governing committee decided to delegate all decision making over BSIP last year to officers and since that decision it appears large changes have been made in how that funding will be utilised. The conditions to that funding mean revenue of over £50m must be spent within the next 18 months.

During this period we have seen a slashing of subsidised bus services, parts of my own ward left with no bus service at all despite being part of a major city. The funding provided is a one off opportunity to boost bus services in our region so we need to ensure that the project is being delivered at pace, achieving value for money, and is the change we wish to see delivering the strategy laid out in the funding bid.

I am calling for the Scrutiny Committee to establish a working group/sub committee to specifically look at the BSIP projects and scrutinise its expenditure and its future plans to give democratic feedback into this project which is currently shrouded from public scrutiny. I hope we can agree to establish this, and the working group can be up and running within 4 weeks.

This is a different proposal to that set forward in Agenda item 11, but I believe to be effective scrutiny needs to focus in on the important issues of the day. I hope the committee will agree that we should amend the proposals and establish a working group specially looking at BSIP and providing the democratic oversight currently lacking.