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AND RESPONSES ARE ATTACHED

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# Agenda Item 5

**West of England Mayoral Combined Authority Joint Committee meeting January 26<sup>th</sup> 2024**

**Questions received from the public with responses**

JC1	David Redgewell
JC2	David Redgewell

## **Q1 received from David Redgewell**

With the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority and North Somerset council as joint Transport Authority's in the bus service west of England bus service improvement plan

and the Department for transport now requiring a revised plan by 12 th June 2024

Looking at Both the commercial bus Network ,the supported bus Network and Westlink Demand responsive bus services,

Looking at the Driver ,Engineering supervisor and cleaners shortage at the Regional bus Depot,in First group plc Wales and West at weston super mare, Wells and Bath in Somerset, Bristol Lawrence hill and Bristol Hengrove Depot, stagecoach west bus Depot in Patchway and Stroud,

Big lemon buses Depot at Parson Street station Bristol,

Favesaver buses in Chippenham.

And working with the Department of works and pensions to fill the vacancies,

More importance give to access to buses and coaches for passengers travelling with reduced mobility and partly sighted,

High bus and coach cleaning standards

and higher quality of maintenance and community safety with the police cctv cameras better lighting of bus and coach stations interchanges with ferry and Railway services.

And the need for the 4 unity Authority's North Somerset council, Bath and North East Somerset council, South Gloucestershire county council and Bristol city council to Fund the Transport levy to the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority

Mayor Dan Norris and joint bus service

Will the Authority please explain what budget 2024 2025 are going in repairing and cleaning bus shelters bus stops and interchanges to make sure the lighting system work the Tagging and Graffiti is removed from shelters especially in Bristol city centre, Broadmead Old market collage Green South Bath ,Western Riverside, Weston super mare clevedon and Portishead,

Gloucester Road North to name a few locations,

To check timetable displays and replace out of date timetables such in chipping Sodbury,

What passengers consultation will take

Place with the Bus service improvement plan advisory panel and Bus service advisory Board and especially holding public transport forum for passengers to be involved in the design of the revised plans,

Will the west of England mayoral combined Authority committee and the west of England joint committee have a final vote sign off alongside mayor Dan Norris,

## **Q1. Response**

**The responsibility and budget for the maintenance of bus shelters and bus stops (including lighting, cleaning, and removal of graffiti) currently remains with the Highway Authorities.**

## **Q2 received from David Redgewell**

In view of the Fact that we have the West of England mayoral combined Authority working in Transport Network plans on buses metro west railway Ferry improvements Network infrastructure and intergrated Transport, including reopening the Bristol Temple meads station Bedminster Parson Street pill and Portishead line with a new proposed station at Ashton Gate,

Lights railway service Between Bristol city centre Bristol Temple meads station Arnos vale Bristlington sandy park road shopping centre, Callington road and south Bristol to Bristol Airport

With Bristol Airport and Bristol Royal Portbury Dock in North Somerset council,

The Department for levelling up and Department for Transport wanting North Somerset council and the west of England local Enterprise partnership

North Somerset council to become a full member of the west of England mayoral combined Authority by 2025

Mayoral Elections,

What is the need to set up a Western Gateway Transport Board area plus Somerset council wessex combined Authority,

With it proposed Headquarters in Dorchester or Taunton,

What public consultation is to take place about this new proposed combined Authority with Voters and Taxpayers,

Will the west of England mayoral combined Authority and North Somerset council because member of Bigger combined Authority Or just expand with North Somerset council becoming a full member which is supported by a lot of voters and Taxpayers and the bussiness community and stakeholders.

## **Q2. Response**

**The agreement of any devolution arrangements in areas neighbouring the West of England Mayoral Combined Authority is a matter for those areas to agree with Government. The West of England Mayoral Combined Authority has had no recent discussions about any changes to the membership of the MCA.**

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