

A meeting of the

West of England Combined Authority Committee

will be held on

Date: Thursday, 26 May 2022

Time: 2.00 pm

**Place: Council Chamber, Bristol City Council, College Green Bristol
BS1 5TR**

Notice of this meeting is given to members of the West of England Combined Authority Committee as follows

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West of England Combined Authority Committee Agenda

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2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence from Members.

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4. CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

To receive announcements from the Chair of the West of England Combined Authority.

5. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Members of the public can speak for up to 3 minutes each. The total time for this session is 30 minutes so speaking time will be reduced if more than 10 people wish to speak.

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6. TRANSPORT LEVY

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At the request of the three constituent members of the Combined Authority an extraordinary urgent meeting of the Combined Authority has been called to discuss the totality of the transport levy, its distribution across the constituent Unitary Authorities, and the associated award of supported bus contracts.

The requisition submitted by the three Councils requests that the business to be transacted at the extraordinary meeting is as follows.

The Combined Authority will consider the following proposal:

In order to protect essential bus services across the West of England, the Combined Authority Resolves to:

1. To consider the feasibility of seeking a one-year extension to the current bus contracts to enable a long term sustainable solution to be found in collaboration with the Unitary Authorities.
2. To underwrite, either 1 above, or any new contract award from appropriate budgets, to enable the constituent councils and the combined authority to consider the budget impact for 23/24 onwards, including a clear assessment as to the VFM of routes, equality and service mitigations, and the appropriate share of service and cost across the Combined Authority and Levied Authorities.