

WEST OF ENGLAND COMBINED AUTHORITY OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

11 OCTOBER 2021

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The following question was submitted by the deadline:

Question 1 – Christina Biggs

Subject: Bus services / revenue funding

Have WECA now applied for Socially Necessary revenue funding so as to be able to pay a subsidy for rural and lesser-used bus services that are not otherwise well-served with local rail services?

REPLY:

The opportunity to seek additional revenue funding for supported bus services will be via the Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP). The Combined Authority is working with North Somerset Council on a joint BSIP for submission to Government by the 31st October deadline. This will set out the aspirations of the two Local Transport Authorities for bus network planning and investment across the region and as such will form a bid into the Government's three-year Bus Transformation Fund from 2022/23, including for revenue that can be used to support bus services that are not otherwise provided commercially.