

WECA Overview & Scrutiny Committee meeting on Thursday, 22 September 2022

Questions received from the public

Item 1 - David Redgewell

Question 1

What progress is now being made on the mass transit system study and does this fit in with the bus rapid transit corridors.

Bristol bus and coach station Bristol Temple meads station, Arnos vale Bristlington, keynsham, Salford Newbridge Weston Bath spa bus and coach station .

Bristol bus and coach station Bristol Temple meads station, Bedminster parson street, Bristol Airport.

Bristol bus and coach station to East Bristol.

If we use light rail system overground then some services will need to go underground in section like.

The Newcastle upon Tyne metro and Glasgow metro system.

How does the metro project fit in with Metro west railway services.

Bristol Temple meads station to Pill , Portishead new station at long Ashton.

Bristol Temple meads Lawrence Hill Stapleton road Ashley Down Filton Abbey wood Filton North Henbury for cribs causeway future extension to Avonmouth.

Bristol to Gloucester central line

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

Including fitting in with city region bus Network which is top priority to the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority and North Somerset council.

Response:

Work is continuing to prepare a Strategic Outline Case (SOC) under the banner "Future For West" which will be considered in due course, and subsequently submitted to DfT. As per government guidance, the purpose of the SOC is to establish the case for change and to provide a preferred way forward. It establishes the baseline for more detailed planning at a later stage. The SOC is the first of a three stage Business Case process.

We are keen to ensure that public transport is well connected, fast, frequent, reliable and affordable. Following the submission of the SOC, and if the Government agree to our plans, over the next few years an overall network route plan could be broken down into separate, smaller projects. This will integrate our various multi modal transport initiatives, including those funds for buses stemming from our recently awarded Bus Service Improvement Plan.

Again, we are still at an early stage in the project and currently assessing transport corridors at a strategic level. Assessments on how this would link with specific bus rapid transit corridors, as well as regional rail services and stations, would be undertaken at a later stage in the project.

Question 2

Bus service Emergency Tenders.

Whist being very pleased with the progress on the following bus services.

22 Twenton to the university.

96 St Anne's park, Bristlington, Knowle Hengrove, Whitchurch hospital

52 South Bristol to city centre.

511 Bedminster Town service.

62 Thornbury Berkeley sharpness Dursey may lane bus station

Connections for Bristol.

What progress are being made on the following services.

178 Midsomer Norton, Paulton, Timbury marksbury, Keynsham, Bristlington park and ride.

Y4 Bristol bus and coach station Eastville park Stapleton Frenchay winterbourne, Frampton coterrell, Coalpit heath yate bus and coach station.

Should be route 46 .

And operator via St Paul's St Werburghes

And iron Acton .

Services 5 Bristol city centre to Eastville Stapleton Fishponds Downend extension to yate via Puckchurch.

Services 505 Southmead hospital to Long

Ashton.

506 Southmead hospital to Lawrence hill city centre.

515, 516 Stockwood Hengrove Knowle / Imperial park.

56 Whitchurch to Bristol Airport.

Bristol Airport Clevedon 55

54 Clevedon town services.

126 Wells bus and coach station to Cheddar, Axbridge Winscombe, Banwell Locking Weston bus and coach station.

D2 Evening service

Frome to Bath spa bus and coach station via Beckington, Rode, Norton St Phillips Midford .

Services 11 Bath spa bus and coach to Bathampton.

Services 12 Bath spa bus and coach station to Haycombe .

20 Bath city circle.

With new operators Big lemon and Transpora

What check are being made on bus Depot s for these companies.

David Redgewell South west transport Network

Response:

We are pleased that alternative operators have been found for a number of formerly commercial services that would otherwise cease running in October.

We have also been successful in securing two new operators for the region who will in part cover contracted services previously run by HCT Group including the important services to Southmead and South Bristol hospitals.

We remain in talks with operators to try to continue those services that are due to cease from the 8th October. Unfortunately, a few services have not generated any interest from alternative operators (as of 16th September) and will cease from the 8th October. Please be assured that officers are continuing their search to find alternative suppliers.

We are satisfied that there are adequate depot facilities for the new operators in the region.

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