

STATEMENTS – AUDIT COMMITTEE – 12 OCTOBER 2022

1. Dave Redgewell
2. Brendan Taylor

STATEMENT 1 – DAVE REDGEWELL

Dear councillors.

We are concern about Audit of money spent of public transport and bus services.

In last few week a lot of Emergency bus route tenders are these being let

By the combined Authority is their an Audit commission being on theses services.

For example services 96 St Anne's Park Bristlington, knowle , Hengrove hospital Hartcliffe. Abus limited

178 Bristlington ,keynsham,marksbury Timbury Paulton,Midsomer Norton.

Abus citistar .

22 in Bath Twerton to the university.

Abus limited

82 Paulton,Midsomer Norton, Westfield Radstock services

52 Bishopsworth to city centre

Transorta

511 512 Bristol local services.

Euro Taxis

515 stockwood Hengrove knowle imperial park.

516 whitchurch estate Hengrove hospital Hengrove knowle Broad walk .

505 Southmead hospital bus station cotham Redland Clifton long Ashton park and ride

506 Southmead hospital bus station

Horfield, Eastville, Easton ,Lawrence hill , st Phillips Bristol Cabot circus.

The former Hct group buses services.

Witch have now transfer to the big lemon bus company of Brighton,Sussex .

All these bus contracts will need Auditing alongside the support services contracted to make sure we are getting value for taxpayers public money.

With bus company contracts inflation of 47 % on Tender prices as First group plc

Drop more commercial services.

To be operated by the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority as Tendered route .

A similar situation exists with North Somerset council.

On 126 weston super mare bus and coach station to locking,Banwell wincombe, Axbridge ,cheddar Draycott Westbury sub mendip wells bus and coach station.

X2 yatton to Bristol bus station.

Services no longer commercially operated First group plc

55 whitchurch to Bristol Airport.

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Bristol Airport Yatton clevedon.

Clevedon town centre. 53

Former HCT group which went bust .

At present no contracts have been relet on these bus route .

126 and x2 are drop commercial along with services x5 Weston super mare to clevedon Portishead to Bristol bus station services and need re tendering.

By North Somerset council as Transport Authority.and west of England mayoral combined transport Authority

126 Weston super mare bus station to wells bus and coach station is joint with Somerset county council.

On bus service infrastructure The metro mayor Dan Norris had suggest a delivery team for the city Region Transport fund

Talk about setting up with North Somerset council as the bus service improvements plan in west of England mayoral combined transport Authority and North Somerset council.

A Region delivery team to the infrastructure built on the ground .

So we are very very concerned to learn with £ 5 million pounds of taxpayers money across the unity councils for Bus shelters seats, bus Borders and castle Kerbs and drop Krebs. Realtime information displays and seating.

We were very concerned to learn that Bath and North east Somerset council.

South Gloucestershire and Bristol city council do not have an Audit on it bus infrastructure and a clear maintenance programme. To allow the mayor Dan Norris to deliver his programme for bus passengers and get vaule for money for the Taxpayers of the city and county of Bristol, South Gloucestershire council and Bath and North Somerset council.

Through the transport levy. Also working joint with North Somerset council on the bus improvements plan of £ 105 .5 million pounds of taxpayers money.

Would ask the Auditors and Audit committee to carry out more check on money being spent and allocated on public transport services delivery and infrastructure.

We are also concerned about the Audit and vaule for money test on metro west stage 2 Bristol Temple meads station

Lawrence Hill station Stapleton road Ashley Down Filton Abbey Filton North Henbury for cribs causeway.

Filton Abbey wood, Yate, charfield, New station cam and Dursey, Stonehouse Bristol road new station Gloucester Central and Cheltenham spa.

Planning permission has still not been granted for Henbury station, Filton North

and charfield station stonehouse Bristol road is subject to a different consultation with the Department for transport.

We believe metro west needs a clear Auldit and vaule for public money test

Especially with the YTL Brabazan area opening in next 2 years.

Inclusion we believe that like the west Midlands combined Authority mayor Andy streets and Greater Manchester combined Authority mayor Andy Burnham and liverpool city region Mayor steve Rotherham more public transport Auditing should be carried out by the commission.

David Redgewell South west transport Network.

STATEMENT 2 – Brendan Taylor

Please note Transpora bus has offered to run with his small fleet of single Decker buses that acquire from Hct group buses.

They have informed the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority.

That they could run services

Bath spa bus and coach station to Bathampton service 11

Services 12 Bath spa bus and coach station to Haycombe cemetery.

And services 20 possible. Bath circle via ruh .

The company has a western traffic commissioner Kevin Rooney area operating licence.

On services D2 Frome Beckington Rode Norton st Phillips, Midford, Bath bus and coach station

Has loss its every morning journey

Nurses at the Royal United hospital have raised the lack of an early morning service to Bath spa bus and coach.

This services finished this week week

I think the only way forward in the Greater Bristol Bath city region and North Somerset council area will be bus Franchising. With the mayor.

But need a political discussion can I leave this issue for you to discuss with Transporta buses and big Lemon buses

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

In North Somerset council this issue is the restoration of Service 55 whichchurch Hengrove, Dundry  
Bristol Airport.

56 Bristol Airport to yatton and clevedon.

Clevedon town services. 53

126 section from cheddar, Axbridge winscombe Banwell locking Weston bus and coach station to  
meet service 11 at

At Axbridge Town hall.

X2 is replacement by the First group Great western railway Train service Nalisea and Backwell parson  
street Bedminster and Bristol Temple meads

And Great western railway train services from Yatton for clevedon worle parkway Weston million  
Weston super mare Highbridge and Burnham on sea Bridgwater and Taunton.

But we need a bus link from A371 .

Village to yatton station. Bristol Airport

Clevedon , claverham clevee and congesbury .

We need for North Somerset council and the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority  
to fill the Network gaps under the Transport act 1985 and Transport act 2000 which put the duty for  
support bus services that can be run commercially on the local transport Authority in west of  
England mayoral combined transport Authority. That on behalf of South Gloucestershire council  
Banes and city and county of Bristol.

And the bus service improvements plan with North Somerset council.

The present Somerset and Gloucestershire Greater Bristol and Bath city region bus cut were  
reviewed and agreed by the Department for transport in the covid 19 bus operator recovery grant  
covid review.

Finally we hope the mayor Dan Norris and North Somerset council Transport executive councillor  
steve Hogg.

Are following the investigation into the racism that passenger say are being carried out on the Falcon coach services. From Plymouth coach station to Bristol Bond street. Via Newton Abbott Exeter cullompton, Wellington, Taunton Bridgwater ,East Brent, churchill ,Bristol Airport, Bristol Harbourside and Bristol Bond street

With stagecoach group South west and the Avon and Somerset police and the RMT union at Plymouth bus Depot .

Kind regards David Redgewell Brendon Taylor Bristol disability equities forum.

And Somerset catch the bus campaign.

Somerset bus partnership.

#### QUESTIONS – AUDIT COMMITTEE – 12 OCTOBER 2022

(Responses prepared by officers)

Questions 1 .

With the bus service reductions in the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority and North Somerset council on the 9th October 2022 .

With the withdrawn of 18 bus routes

In South Gloucestershire council Banes and Bristol city council area

And 6 bus routes in North Somerset council area.

3 of which are across the boundary with west of England mayoral combined transport Authority.

What emergency money does the west of England mayoral combined Authority have from Bristol city council, North Somerset council and south Gloucestershire council have to commission replacement bus services.

And what money is held in reserves for this purpose.

*The Combined Authority does not hold 'emergency money' from its constituent councils to replace withdrawn bus services in the area. £1.347m (the net end of year surplus for 2021/22 in Integrated Transport activities) was transferred to an Integrated Transport Authority Specific One-Off Bus Earmarked Reserve to invest in further support to regional bus services to protect routes, particularly in rural areas and other communities not well served by public transport, during 2022/23 (as agreed at the January 2022 Committee).*

Questions 2 .

Transport levy from Bristol city centre Banes council and South Gloucestershire council.

Plus money allocated by North Somerset council for cross boundaries services.

What is present sums of money allocated to the metro mayor Dan Norris

And his well run Public transport Network team to commission support bus services and recommission services the bus operator can no longer operate

By commissioning and replacement to services provided by bus companies like Hct group that stopped trading with very little notice or take over commercial services no longer provide by First group plc and stagecoach group.

*As per the forecast paper that was presented to the West of England Combined Authority Committee on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, the forecast spend on supported bus services from the Transport Levy for the current financial year is £8.697m. This is the anticipated in-year spend on all bus contracts, including extensions, which is in part funded from underspends against the concessionary travel allocation within the Transport Levy budget.*