

West of England Combined Authority Scrutiny Committee meeting on 12 December 2022

Statements received from the public

1. David Redgewell, SW Transport Network and Railfuture Severnside
2. Robert Bentley, Bristol Disability Equalities forum
3. Ian Beckey, Gloucestershire Catch the Bus Campaign

1. David Redgewell, SW Transport Network and Railfuture Severnside

We welcome the review of governance of the Authority and the need to work together between the local unity councils and the west of England mayoral combined Authority.

But we understand the order that set up the Authority transfers Transport powers and Planning power to the combined Authority .

But as these Departments have not been transferred to the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority.

This causes confusion to the travelling public as to which council or Authority running the services.

Especially bus service tendering and investment in the Network.

Bus shelters ,interchanges and infrastructure.

The governance review is not clear

On service delivery of projects.

Such as metro west railway.

Projects .

Bristol Temple meads station to Pill and Portishead line.

Bristol Temple meads station to Lawrence hill, Stapleton road Ashley Down, Filton Abbey wood, Filton North Arena Exhibition station Henbury for Cribbs causeway.

Bristol Temple meads station Lawrence hill, Stapleton road, Ashley Down Filton Abbey wood, Bristol parkway station yate , charfield , Cam and Dursey stonehouse Bristol road and Gloucester central.

Charfield is a new metro west station.

Metro west railway .

Is west of England mayoral combined transport Authority

Joint with North Somerset council.

The also the governance of the bus service improvements plan between the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority and North Somerset council is not clear .

The joint local Transport plan with West of England mayoral combined transport Authority and North Somerset council.

Or local Enterprise partnership joint working.

Whilst we welcome the co-productions between the local councils

Bristol City Council, South Gloucestershire Council and Banes as per the governance report, and the 3 leaders of the unitary councils: councillor Kevin Guy Banes, councillor Toby Savage and Mayor Marvin Rees.

And for Transport joint working with North Somerset Council.

The Act that set up the West of England Mayoral Combined Authority.

Set out Public Transport Powers

Bus tendering jointly with the 3 local unitary councils.

But the original order power over the bus Network with North Somerset Council

But has now a joint arrangement on the bus service improvements plan.

And Metro West railway Network..

Transport functions and strategic road Networks.

And made the West of England Mayoral Combined Authority and the Mayor the Regional Planning Authority.

But the West of England Mayoral Combined Transport Authority has no precepting powers like the Combined Transport and Planning Authorities.

Or West Country parish councils

Having precepting powers.

The West of England Mayoral Combined Transport Authority has powers to set bus Networks through enhanced quality partnership, Advanced Quality Partnerships and bus Franchising.

Under 2017 Transport Act.

Other Mayoral Combined Authority's

Have full transport powers.

To plan road and railway Networks

Operator.

Bus, coach, rail, trams interchanges.

Bus station, railway station enhancement

A Railway Executive.

Bus Network operating Network team.

In Merseyside an overground underground railway Network.

Tram services in the west Midlands combined Authority and metro Mayor Andy street.

Trams in Greater Manchester with mayor Andy Burnham.

And South Yorkshire super tram .

Tyne and wear metro is run by Nexus

Including bus and ferry service.

The west of England mayoral combined Authority need to work towards becoming a transport and planning Authority with more mayoral powers.

to progress a number schemes on the ground .

City region Transport plan .

Bus service improvements plan.

Metro west railway lines.

Bristol Temple meads station to pill and Portishead line.

Bristol Temple meads station to Lawrence hill, Stapleton road Ashley Down Filton Abbey wood. Henbury loop .

Henbury station.

And Temple quay Temple meads station Regeration.

The Government leveling up Bill

Wish to move the local Enterprise partnerships into the Combined Authority with the same boundary this would allow the west of England mayoral combined Authority to allow North Somerset council to join the Authority.

On the Governance review it's very important that the unity councils and the west of England mayoral combined Authority Chief executive officers work

together along with Council leaders Toby savage South Gloucestershire council

Banes council leader Kevin Guy and mayor Marlin Rees and in some case North Somerset council council work together in co production.

the west of England mayoral combined Authority has it own Transport Network rail, bus ,mass transit strategic highway officer to deliver project the most important thing is vaule for Taxpayers money and Delivery of public transport Networks metro west railway.

Bus service improvements plan.

And support bus services across the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority and North Somerset council.

Concessionary passes should be managed by the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority

and North Somerset council.

Stakeholders are very concerned about the need to relet the support bus services to which they are needed to maintain a commercial and support bus Network.

We welcome the governance review but remain councillors the metro mayor west Elected with a 40 000 majority.

and the Department for Levelling Up and Transport see metro and Rural mayors as the way forward note the proposed mayor for Cornwall also in South west England.

The Brown review also wants to set up more regional government and city Regional mayors.

We are concerned that the Transport Board meets in private and the last meeting councillor Steve Reede of South Gloucestershire was not present because he was presenting a very much support west of England mayoral combined transport Authority and south Gloucestershire council Network rail western and First group plc Bus and Great western railway plus stagecoach west on Master Plan for Bristol Parkway station.

We think the planning and transport Board should meet in public like other combined Authorities.

And west of England partnership did .

Western gateway transport Board and Peninsula transport Board meet in public.

As should bus service Advisory Boards

The mayor Dan Norris is very open and transparent on Public consultation on bus services

We welcome the Auditor concern and better working together of the local Authorities. Councillor of the Transport Board The leader of the 3 unity councils mayor Marvin Rees, councillors Toby savage and Kevin Guy from Bath and North east Somerset council .

And joint working with North Somerset council through the joint committee.

Which is not mentioned in the governance review. Or the use of west of England mayoral combined Authority offices and officers by the western gateway transport Board.

We look forward to better co production by the local Authorities Banes South Gloucestershire council mayor of Bristol and North Somerset council.

With metro mayor Dan Norris.

To Deliver public Transport, Regional planning and Housing and skills as per the parliamentary orders.

We also want to see the scrutiny commission review the proposals for the new west of England city region and North Somerset council bus network from April 2023

We still have bus service missing on the Bristol city centre st Paul's st werburgess Eastville park Stapleton Frenchay winterbourne Frampton cotteswell iron Acton Coalpit heath yate bus station y3 y4 route

Services withdrawn

Number 5 Bristol city centre St Paul's st werburgess? Eastville park ,Stapleton Bromhill ,Fishponds,oidbury court Downend Emerson green puckchurch westerleight yate/ 47

No longer serving Bromhill and Stapleton.

Services 126 wells bus and coach station to Westbury sub mendip Draycott cheddar Axbridge winscombe Banwell locking Weston bus and coach station.

X 2 yaton to Bristol bus and coach station.

55 Whitchurch Hengrove Dundry Bristol Airport clevedon 54 and clevedon Town 54 .

The rest of the supported Network has been restored by mayor Dan Norris.

As a public Authority handling million of pounds of public money we clear Auditing of west of England mayoral combined Authority and any joint arrangements with North Somerset council and the local Enterprise partnership Agency .

And better co production with the local councils

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Due to the shortage of bus Drivers and the route being uneconomic.

With west of England mayoral combined transport Authority and North Somerset council subsidies or Covid 19 bus operators recovery grant.

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But not Stapleton and Broomhill.

In North Somerset council

X2 Yatton to Bristol via long Ashton Hotwells road.

53 Clevedon town services

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We need to make of retaining local services in Bristlington.

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

82 Paulton, Midsomer, Norton, Westfield Radstock, town service

11 Bath spa bus and coach to Bathampton

Services 12 Bath spa bus and coach to Haycombe cemetery.

20 Bath circle.

10 11 Thornbury Bristol Parkway station to Shirehampton and Avonmouth.

12 Bristol parkway to Severn Beach.

13 Bristol to Shirehampton.

85 86 Tate to Wootton Under Edge.

For example.

Somerset catch the bus service campaign.

Gloucestershire catch the bus campaign.

Ian Beckey.

2. Robbie Bentley, Bristol Disability Equalities Forum

We welcome the Audit Commission review of Governance of the West of England Mayoral Combined Authority.

but we are not sure how the governance

now works for the West of England Joint Committee on Services Provided.

With the West of England Mayoral Combined Transport Authority and North Somerset Council

Such as Metro West Railway Network Projects .

Bus Service Improvements Plans.

Which is £105 million pounds.

This along with support bus services

Need to be Audited

Along with bus service improvements bus service tenders that have been let

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

City region transport plan.

Joint local transport plan .

Concessionary fare scheme.

Realtime information displays on bus stops .

As North Somerset council is part of the local Enterprise partnership but not part of West of England mayoral combined Authority.

Although it Government policy under the Department for leveling up to bring them into the West of England mayoral combined Authority under the leveling up bill .

This is not covered in the Report but both west of England mayoral combined Authority and the local Enterprise partnership have the same chief executive and some officers .

Again not mention in the report

We also have staff working for the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority and North Somerset council.

But also officer working for the western Gateway Transport Board.

We are not sure how this is Audited

Especially as the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority.

Is going to recruit a chief executive officer for the western Gateway Transport Board.

Support by a Department for transport budget to western gateway Transport Board.

We welcome the governance review and the working together of mayor Dan Norris and leader of the combined Authority committee Councillors Kevin guy mayor, Malvin Rees, Toby savage and steve Bridger at North Somerset council on joint committee.

Closer working of chief executive officers and officers .

We also support the transfer of staff to west of England mayoral combined transport Authority working in Transport and Public transport as per the Parliamentary act that set up the Authority .

From Bristol city council to support bus service Network planning.

City region Transport plan.

Rail services.

Interchange and bus infrastructure.

Information services

Realtime information systems

Strategic routes

Mass transit

Regional planning.

We hope that South Gloucestershire council and Bath and North Somerset council will also transfer staff to set up a full integrated transport Authority

With North Somerset council as a member

But as staff and services transfer to the combined Authority these will need Auditing more closely.

But we super the improvements in governance in the west of England mayoral combined Authority as it moves under Mayor Dan Norris with elected 40 000 majority in a Regional Transport Authority that Delivers .

Metro west railway Network.

City region Transport projects .

Bus service improvements plan across the city region.

Support buses services

Regeneration of Bristol Temple meads and Temple quarter.

Mass transit system.

We are also very concerned not to see Network gap in the support bus services Network rail services restored before new bus service start

Especially the services 5 Bristol city centre to st Paul's st werburges ,Eastville park, Stapleton Bromhill Fishponds and Downend with evening and Sunday services

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We want the Greater Bristol and South Gloucestershire Bath and North East Somerset and North Somerset bus Network protected.

Before new routes are started .

Its is also clear the Transport levy is paid by Banes council, South Gloucestershire,and city and county of Bristol and North Somerset council for cross boundary services.

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