

Questions and Answers – Overview and Scrutiny – 8 September 2023

Question 1 from Mr David Redgewell

What progress is being made on the Bus service improvement plan review
And proving resources for the west of England and North Somerset council
Support bus Network.

With many Greater Bristol and Bath North East Somerset South Gloucestershire and into North Somerset council area .

Without vital bus services such as the

Bus service 505 Operating from Southmead hospital bus station to Clifton Hotwells Ashton Gate
long Ashton park and ride extension to Ashton vale.

Service 10 , 11 extension from Avonmouth Dock and shirehampton Lawrence Weston Westbury
on Trym Southmead hospital Extension,uwe bus and coach station Bristol parkway station Bradley
stoke, Aztec west, Hortham, Alverston Thornbury .

Service 36 Bristol city centre st Anne's park Extension to Bristlington Hungerford road, Knowle,
Hengrove, whitchurch,estate Hengrove hospital imperial park, Hartcliffe Bishopsworth .

Service 1 Cribbs causeway bus station Henbury crow lane , Blase castle estate Westbury on Trym
Clifton Down station. Park street, Bristol college green,Bristol city centre, Bristol Temple meads
station Arnos vale,Bristlington Sandy park road Wick Road St Anne's park Guliford Road
Broomhill Hill Bristlington Trading estate Hungerford road and Bath road .

Or Normal route 1

Or sandy Park Road Alison road Broomhill.

525 Yate North , Yate bus station Westerleight puckchurch Emerson green

Extension to Downend ,Oidbury court Fishponds Broomhill Stapleton Eastville park Tesco .

525 A extension.

Eastville,Tesco, Eastville Easton Ding Bristol Temple meads.

414,424 Frome coach station to Radstock Westfield midsomer to paulton and around the former
82 route .Service 522 Bristol bus and coach station to Bristol Temple meads station Arnos vale
Bristlington keynsham marksbury Timbury Paulton,Midsomer Tesco Timbury, Tunley,Bath spa bus
and coach station. Provide some daytime journeys on 622 .Cribbs causeway bus station,Bristol
zoo

Lower Almondbury ,Olverton, Alverston Thornbury, Tytherington yate bus station.

126 Wells bus and coach station Easton Westbury sub mendip, Draycott, cheddar Axbridge,
winscombe, Banwell locking Weston bus and coach station Along with the review of the westlink

Demand responsive bus services Network To link in the North

To Cribbs causeway bus station Bristol parkway railway station.

Patchway station.

Aztec west metro bus stop.

Filton Abbey wood station.

Uwe bus and coach station.

Downend oidbury court Fishponds Broomhill Stapleton, Eastville park

Eastville, park, Easton,The Dings, Bristol Temple meads station

South zone .

Long Ashton park and ride.

Ashton vale.

Bristol Temple meads.

Hungerford road Bristlington & Bristlington park and ride

Answer to question 1

Work is continuing on identifying potential flexibility within the budget and how we can prioritise any flexibility to ensure that it meets the aims of the BSIP. Further information will be available soon.

Question 2 from Mr David Redgewell

What provision is being made at west of England mayoral combined Authority

To have open discussions at the

Transport Board

West of England joint committee

West of England scrutiny commission

West of England mayoral combined Authority committee.

Passenger forums

And stakeholder and passenger meetings to discuss the Transport levy

To be raise by the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority and mayor Dan Norris.

To pay for public transport support bus train coach and ferry services.

For 2024 2025 budget setting meetings of Bristol city council Banes South Gloucestershire county council and any finance contributions from North Somerset council on cross boundary services.

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Answer to question 2

Decisions on the Transport Levy funded services were made by Committee in January 2022. An update on the services is available on request.

Question 3 from Cllr Tim Kent (Bristol City Council)

Despite bus journey times on designated corridors being substantially faster than 19/20 Firstbus delivered the worst punctuality performance, with only 62% of buses being punctual across the region. What sanctions have been imposed via the 9th Feb agreement for this unacceptable performance and what plans have been submitted by bus operators to address unacceptable performance?

Answer to question 3

Punctuality performance is under jurisdiction of the traffic commissioner's office.

Question 4 from Cllr Tim Kent (Bristol City Council)

For Table 10 - BSIP funding allocations (BSIP July update) - please break down what A-J is including far more detail on A and I and please include with this the profile of spending to date on those areas?

Answer to question 4

For this information, please see the Enhanced Partnership Scheme (<https://www.westofengland-ca.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/West-of-England-EP-Scheme-V3.0-27-June-2023.pdf>).

Please email transport.operations@westofengland-ca.gov.uk if you have any further questions.

Question 5 from Cllr Andrew Brown (Bristol City Council)

Why does Table 0 in the West of England Bus Improvement Plan (update 2022) list revenue expenditure on Fares as £21.5M when the approved plan just 6 months earlier allocated £9M and the original bid to Government asked only for £5M and who was consulted, and who approved that change

Answer to question 5

To date there has been one formal change request which has been agreed by DfT which included an increase in funding allocated to Fares and Ticketing. The current approval process requires the LTAs to agree any changes directly with the DfT as confirmed at Committee in July 2022.

Question 6 from Cllr Andrew Brown (Bristol City Council)

In the July 2022 plan £21.4M was allocated to supported bus services over 3 years. How much is now allocated to supporting bus services within the plan? How much was spent in 22/23 supporting services; How much is projected to be spent in 23/24 (based on tracts already issued) supporting services? This is for services being funded from BSIP - not local council funding

Answer to question 6

A total of £5,854,516 is currently allocated to initiative I3 (more supported services) for the two year BSIP period. To date a total £428,537 has been spent on bus services 522 and 525. Total cost for 2023-24 is £973,640.95 Nothing spent on services in 2022-23. Services commenced April 2023. Services for two year contract with a +/-2% contract price adjustment on the first anniversary of the service.