

STATEMENTS RECEIVED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR THE MEETING OF WEST OF ENGLAND COMBINED AUTHORITY OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ON 22 JANUARY 2024

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Statement 1 – David Redgewell

With regards to west of England mayoral combined transport Authority and North Somerset council bus service improvement plan,

We welcome the the 11 million pounds spent on improvement to key corridor

Bristol routes Across Greater Bristol and Bath,

Such for the 75 76 Hartcliffe Bishopsworth, parson Street, Bedminster Bristol city centre, Gloucester Road, Bishopston, Horfield, Filton, Patchway, cribs causeway bus station, 76 Gloucester Road via Southmead and Henbury,

Bristol bus and coach station, Bristol Temple meads station Arnos vale, Bristlington, keynsham saltford, Newbridge, Weston Bath spa bus and coach station x39 ,39 ,349

Service 1, Broomhill, Arnos vale Bristol Temple meads station, Bristol cabot circus, Bristol city centre Bristol Park Street Clifton Down station, Down Westbury on Trym, Henbury, Bradley cribs causeway bus station,

Stockwood, knowle, Hengrove, knowle Bristol Temple meads station, Bristol cabot circus, Bristol city centre, Clifton Down station, Down, Henleaze ,Southmead Henbury cribs causeway bus station,

42 43 Bristol city centre, oid market Lawrence hill Station, st George Kingwood, Warmley, North common Bitton.

44,45 Bristol city council, oid market, Lawrence hill Station, st George, Hanham Cadbury Heath,
48,

Bristol city centre, oid market Street, Stapleton road, Stapleton road Station, Eastville Fishponds Downend Bromley Heath Emerson green,

49 Bristol city centre, oid market, Stapleton road, Stapleton road station Eastville park, Fishponds, Staple Hill, Emerson green,

Service 3 ,4 Bristol Broadmead shopping centre, city centre Bristol Park Street, Clifton Down station, sea Mills, Shirehampton Avonmouth Lawrence weston, Henbury, Cribbs causeway bus station,

Y1 y2

Bristol city centre Cadbury Heath, Yate park and ride, Yate, Yate railway station, Yate bus station and chipping Sodbury,

Bristol city centre, Little Stoke, Bradley stoke, Aztec west, Hortham Alverston Thornbury, T2 .

522 Bristol bus and coach station, Bristol Temple meads station Arnos vale Bristlington keynsham marksbury Timsbury, Paulton, midsomer Norton Westfield Radstock Peasdown st john Bath spa bus and coach station,

Rerouting via midsomer Norton, Paulton, Timsbury Tunley Bath spa bus and coach station.

525 Yate North ,Yate bus station Westerleigh puckchurch Emerson green,

Service, 172 ,173 ,174 Bath spa bus and coach station, Peasdown st john, Radstock Westfield midsomer Norton, Paulton, Chilcompton, Shepton mallet and Wells Bus and coach station,

Service x1 Bristol bus and coach station, City centre, Hotwells, long Ashton, Backwell, Congresbury, Worle interchange, Weston super mare bus and coach station,

X4 Bristol bus and coach station, Bristol city centre, Ashton Gate pill and Portishead,

X7 Bristol bus and coach station to Clevedon

X6 Bristol bus and coach station to Nalisea,

X8 Bristol bus and coach station city centre

X7 Bristol bus and coach station ,city centre Hotwells to Clevedon,

X9 Bristol bus and coach station city centre Hotwells Ashton Gate ,long Ashton Nalisea,

X5 Portishead, Clevedon, Yatton station congersbury worle interchange, weston super mare bus and coach station.

126 Weston super mare bus and coach station, weston Railway station, Weston super mare Hospital, Hutton, Banwell,

Winscombe, Axbridge, Cheddar, Westbury sub Mendip Draycott, Easton weston sub Mendip Wells bus and coach station,

X10 Cribbs causeway bus station to Portishead and clevedon,

Weston super mare Town service 9

All the theses bus services and and westlink Demand responsive bus services are funded by the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority and North Somerset council,

The Birthday card fares scheme,

and care levers scheme,

But the Bus service improvement plan has left many communities with bus service

Service 23 Bristol city centre Southville, Bedminster, Bristol city centre Bristol Bus and coach station ,

Bristol city centre 5 25 47 st Paul, st werburgess Eastville park Stapleton Broomhill Fishponds oidbury court Downend Bromley Heath ,

Cribbs causeway bus station Westbury on Trym, Down, Clifton Down station park street, Bristol city centre, Bristol cabot circus, Bristol Temple meads station Arnos vale, re routed via st Anne's park Brislington Hungerford road school Road Bristlington loop ,

The reinstatement of public transport Network,

In Bath and North East Somerset council area

414 ,424 Frome Cork Street coach station Mells Radstock Westfield midsomer Norton and onto Paulton,

Service 522 Bristol bus and coach station to Bristol bus and coach station, Arnos vale, Bristlington keynsham marksbury, Timsbury Paulton, midsomer Norton, operating via Tunley to Bath spa bus and coach station.

Service 672 Cheddar, Blagdon Chew valley south Bristol, Bristol city centre,

52 Bishopsworth Hengrove South Bristol Hospital Bedminster city centre,

We to look at this route,

In North Bristol the important bus services are,

Service 10 11 Shirehampton or

Avonmouth Dock, Lawrence weston Westbury on Trym, Southmead hospital bus station uwe bus station, Bristol parkway station, Bradley stoke Aztec west Hortham Alverston, Thornbury

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Cribbs causeway bus station to Olverton Alverston Thornbury Tytherington and yate bus and coach station via Bristol zoo

84 ,85 yate Park and ride Yate Railway station,

With the need for the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority and North Somerset council to

Resubmit the bus service improvement plan by 12 th June 2024

For the funding allocation 20 24 2025

Shoing clear improvements in the Network and passengers growth on the buses,

More frequent bus and coach services on Key corridors

Interchange with Railway services and stations Express coaches, Ferries and especially Demand responsive bus services,

Improvement in Interchange facilities

Bus shelter lighting cctv cameras,
Tagging and Graffiti removal,
More bus priority measures,
Accessible bus stops for disabled passengers and people with reduced mobility,
Cleaning standards on bus and coaches,
Zebra funding scheme in Greater Bristol and weston super mare Somerset,
How the supported bus network is fully intergrated with the mainline bus Network coach Network
and Railway network ferry services in Bristol and Bath,
Improvement to Bus and coach stations and interchanges,
Consultant with Bus services advory panes ,Advisory boards
and especially passengers groups,
Like those in South Bristol, Ashton vale
Oidbury court Fishponds Stapleton,
Somer Valley, Paulton Thornbury, Chew valley,
North Bristol, South Gloucestershire villages and Wotton under Edge,
North Somerset council area ,Clevedon, Portishead, Clevedon weston super mare, and Rural area s

Joining the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority and North Somerset council bus
service improvement plan, with the rest of the county of Somerset and Somerset unity council bus
service improvement plan,
And the rest of Gloucestershire bus service improvement plan
Wiltshire and Swindon Council plan,
On staff we need to identify the shortage of bus and coach drivers
Cleaners and Engineers to maintain the bus network,
In our case that First Group plc Wales and West buses Depot at Bristol Lawrence hill, Bristol
Hengrove, Bath spa Western Island Wells Bus Depot
in Somerset,
Are used with the bus and coach station as a Depot
But Somerset council is proposing to switch off lighting and cctv facilities
In this 18 hours aday bus and coach station this need urgent discussion with Somerset council,
And Depot facilities in the bus station for First Group plc Wales and West buses Division,
Weston super mare bus Depot Somerset,

Stagecoach west bus Depots at Bristol Patchway and Stroud,

Big lemon buses Depot at parson Street station Bristol,

Favesaver buses in Chippenham Wiltshire,

Euro coaches in yate Gloucestershire

Applegate coaches Berkley ,Gloucestershire,

Transpora buses Bristol,

So their alot of work to do by 12th June 2024 ,

West of England mayoral combined transport Authority and North Somerset council Transport levy ,

This has to be paid under the west of England mayoral combined Authority act ,

By Bristol city council, Banes and South Gloucestershire county council plus North Somerset council for cross boundary bus and coach services.

Bus stop infrastructure bus and coach station Railway interchange and station

And public transport staff all need transferring to the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority

And North Somerset council as full Authority member with the local Enterprise partnership,

Both Bristol city council and Bath and North East Somerset council have clean air zone money,

Bristol has raised £26 million pounds

And cleaned up the air quality by 9%

In the central air ,

Reducing the amount of asthma attacks respiratory illness and Early Deaths this is a public health measure not a transport funding scheme or allocation to replace the west of England mayoral combined Authority act Transport levy

But we need to do more to improve bus services railway services on the metro west railway Network,

Walk and cycling as opposed to taking the car in to central Bristol area

But Bristol city council want to use £10 of the clean air zone money to pay the Transport levy rather than collecting the money through Bristol city council taxation,

Bath and North East Somerset council have £ 7 million pounds of clean air zone money,

In both case this money should be being spent on Bus services improvement and public transport Network service, with the Transport levy,

Other income streams for Public transport including car park policy in South Gloucestershire county council area of charging for Car parking,

In Kingwood Town centre, Thornbury yate ,

In Bristol at local shopping centre in Brislington, west on Trym and other Town centres,

Radstock and Midsomer Norton in Bath and North East Somerset council area

To seek public transport bus services and community transport services funding from Town and parish councils

Like Somerset council and Gloucestershire County council

On Metro West Railway Network and the West of England Mayoral Combined Transport Authority and North Somerset council bus service improvement plan.

The Departments for Transport and Levelling Up have agreed funding via the West of England Mayoral Combined Transport Authority and Mayor Dan Norris in partnership with councillors Mike Bell and Catherine Gibson leaders of North Somerset council and councillor Hannah Young transport executive North Somerset council

And Bristol City Council, South Gloucestershire County Council and Bath and North East Somerset Council as Highway Authority's

Western Gateway Transport Board chair councillors Don Alexander, Bristol.

Their no provision for for the Wessex Combined Authority or its area in Dorset Council Bournemouth Poole and Christchurch, Wiltshire Somerset Council and North Somerset Council

Agreed or proposed by UK government,

Or supported,

Metro West Railway Network

Malcolm Parsons Directorate,

On railway Metro West Railway.

We welcome the business case for Reopening the Bristol Temple Meads station to Pill and Portishead line

Being submitted to the Department for Transport funding,

We need to make progress on planning permission for Henbury railway station for Cribbs Causeway shopping centre and Bristol Zoo,

And pedestrian facilities access to Henbury,

And the Train services Henbury for Cribbs Causeway and Bristol Zoo, Filton North for the Arena Filton Abbey Wood Ashley Down, Bristol Stapleton Road Bristol Lawrence Hill, Bristol Temple Meads station train services

And Bristol Stapleton Road Bristol Lawrence Hill Station to be fully accessible,

On the Metro West Railway Network services we need more local Train unit 165, 166, 158 on Bristol Temple Meads station, Filton Abbey Wood station, Bristol Parkway station, Yate, Charfield new station Cam and the Dursley proposed station Stonehouse Bristol Road Gloucester Central, Cheltenham Spa Ashchurch for Tewkesbury Worcester Shrub Hill and Worcester Forge Street,

As using Inter city Express trains prevent wheelchair accessible to the trains wheelchair space if disabled space First Class coach is off the platform at Yate, Cam and Dursley and Ashchurch for Tewkesbury stations

Wheelchair and partly sighted passengers area put in the wrong part of Transport until Bristol parkway, Gloucester central Cheltenham spa or Worcester Shrub Hill where passengers can transfer,

This issue need urgent discussion with the Department for transport and First group plc Great Western Railway company limited who run metro west railway Network for £35 millions pounds from the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority and North Somerset council,

On Bristol Temple meads station to Clifton Down station and seven Beach line

Bristol Temple meads station To weston super mare and Taunton,

Bristol Temple meads station To Bath spa and services to Westbury Salisbury and Frome,

Calling at local stations

The following local station do not have tickets machines Bristol Stapleton Road, sea Mills, Shirehampton, Avonmouth Dock St Andrews Road seven Beach, Patchway and Pilning,

And disabled access is required at

Parson street, Nalisea and Backwell,

Weston super mare lifts Cheltenham spa lifts Pilning, Bristol Lawrence hill and Bristol Stapleton Road,

We support the Transport for Wales

Welsh government proposals

For New railway service and stations at Cardiff Central, Cardiff Parkway Newport west Newport Somerton Llanwern Magor and Undy Seven Tunnel junction, Pilning, Patchway, Filton Abbey wood station, Bristol Stapleton road Bristol Lawrence hill Bristol Temple meads station.

But believe Pilning should be developed as a Parkway station in theses proposals for seven side and Bristol Stapleton Road and Bristol Lawrence hill should be made fully accessible,

On Bristol Temple meads station Temple Quarter we need the mayor Dan Norris and Network rail, Home England, Bristol city council and West of England mayoral combined transport Authority Western Gateway Transport Board to set up community forum with bussiness community and public transport Network companies, First Group plc Great Western Railway company and First Group plc Wales and West buses, inter city cross country train Arriva 1sq, capital, stagecoach west buses British Transport police Network rail Western and Developers,

Malcolm Parsons head of the Infrastructure and Railway Directorate need to look at these issues.

Kind regards David Redgewell,

South west transport Network

Railfuture Severnside,

Bristol disability equalities forum

Statement 2 - Ian Quaife - BOPF Engagement and Development Manager

Bristol Older People's Forum (BOPF) and the Ashton Vale Suffragettes request the ringfencing of a proportion of CAZ funding, allocated to WECA via Bristol City Council, to be used for the reinstatement of the bus service in Ashton Vale. Local residents believe the savage cuts by First Bus /WECA, which disproportionately affect older and disabled people, is scandal, and based on discrimination and profit, rather than the social and environmental good.

'We are isolated, we can't go to the shops or the doctors, or family gatherings - we are completely cut off. This is affecting our mental and physical health. We even have to use taxis to go to the local supermarket. Our number 23 bus service, used to run every hour and was lovely. We need it back!' (Ashton Vale resident).

The Ashton Vale Suffragettes and BOPF.

Statement 3 – Rosa Kell

Somerset bus partnership And Somerset catch the bus campaign

With the new bus service improvement plan requirements for the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority and North Somerset council

Joint bus service improvement plan.

And Somerset council bus service improvement plan,

We are concerned that new plans have to submit to the Department for transport by 12 th June 2024

Including bus services network plans for commercial network service as laid out below but their needs to full understanding of levels of bus drivers Engineers and cleaners at Wells, Weston super mare and Bath Somerset Depot to deliver bus service,

With DWP to look a vacancies and fill them,

Taunton, Minehead and Yeovil Depot are in need of bus driver cleaners and Engineers, in First group plc South buses in Somerset,

Frome, bus company Depot Frome

Somerset

Provides bus service Frome Cork Street coach station to Mells Radstock Westfield midsomer Norton

Libra Travel Frome Cork Street coach station to Coleford and midsomer Norton,

A bus service Radstock,

Bath University to Twerton services.

Passengers safety is major issues needs addressing at Wells bus and coach station as below but also in Bristol central area and Bath

With bus stop light that does not work and Graffiti covered bus stop in Bristol city centre, Bristol Temple meads station area oid market Street Bond Street, Broadmead, College Green, Lawrence hill,

And around Bath Lower Bristol Road,.

Their a review of support services links ti main line bus services coach services and Railway station interchange

Demand responsive bus services westlink Demand responsive bus services and slinky bus ,

Bus priority measures, passengers information, wheelchair accessible and people with reduced mobility and partly sighted passengers, better bus stops and shelters walkways safe routes .

Network review and fare and ticket schemes like the Birthday card scheme carers scheme £1 fare in Taunton have to finish in 2025

We now need urgent discussion between Somerset council North Somerset council and Banes to protect the Somerset bus network in the Mendip region of the Bristol and Bath Travel to work area as part of the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority and North Somerset council bus service improvement plans

On Bus services to take place

376 Street Glastonbury Wells bus and coach station, Chewton Mendip Farrington Gurney, Clutton, Pensford, Whitchurch, Hengrove, knowle, Totterdown Bristol Temple meads station Bristol bus and coach station.

172 Bristol bus and coach station

Bristol Temple meads station, knowle Hengrove, Whitchurch Pensford Clutton Paulton midsomer Norton Westfield Radstock Peasdown st john Bath spa bus and coach station.

172 ,173 ,174 Bath spa bus and coach station to peasdown st john, Radstock Westfield, midsomer Norton ,Chilcompton 173 Shepton mallet 174 interchange and Wells bus and coach station,

126 Wells bus and coach station to Draycott ,Cheddar, Axbridge ,winscombe Banwell, Hutton, Weston super mare Hospital Weston super mare bus and coach station interchange ,Railway station,

D2 D2 xBath spa bus and coach station to Midford, Norton St Philips ,Rode Beckington,and Frome.

522 Bristol bus and coach station, Bristol Temple meads station Arnos vale Bristlington keynsham marksbury Timsbury Paulton midsomer Norton Westfield Radstock Peasdown st john Bath spa bus and coach station

But also to rerouting this service via midsomer Norton Tesco Timsbury Tunley and Bath spa bus and coach station, interchange,

414 ,424 Frome Cork Street coach station to Mells Radstock Westfield midsomer Norton and extend the service to Paulton to replace bus service 82 ,

And the provide a bus service from Axbridge Cheddar or Wells bus and coach station through the Chew valley and Blagdon through Chew magna to South Bristol and Bristol city centre.

Including look at fixed route west link Demand responsive bus services in the Chew valley and south Bristol with Demand responsive sections

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Wells is a major Bus operating centre for the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority and North Somerset council bus services ,

With a first Group plc Wales and West buses Division Depot ,

Providing bus service 376,Street Glastonbury Wells bus and coach station to Bristol Temple meads station, Bristol bus and coach station,

172, 173, 174 Wells bus and coach station to Shepton mallet interchange, Chilcompton, Paulton Midsomer Norton Westfield Radstock Peasdown st john Bath spa bus and coach, interchange

126 Wells bus and coach station to Draycott Cheddar Axbridge winscombe Banwell Hutton Weston super mare Hospital and weston super mare bus and coach station Railway station

As Wells bus and coach station

Is outstation and Depot facilities Somerset council is proposing to Turn off the cctv Cameras in the city of Wells and all other bus and coach stations in Somerset, including the bus and coach station and close public toilets the station is an important interchange point for bus services to Yeovil bus and coach station service 77 in need of larger Double Deckers buses ,

Service 75 Wells bus and coach station to Bridgwater bus and coach station

Service,

Service 29 Wells bus and coach station to Taunton,

Bud with the cctv cameras being switched off and lighting how staff will the interchange by passengers travelling in the Evening and day time to Bristol Bath and weston super mare,

What will be the effects on buses stored in the bus and coach station overnight

Without cctv to prevent vandalism and tagging,

What discussions have the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority and mayor Dan Norris North Somerset council had with Somerset Council Transport Department and councillor Richard Wilkins executive member for transport and chief constable Sarah crew and police and police crime commissioner mark Shelford, and Doug Claringbold md of First group plc Wales and

West buses Division and Thomas Hughes of First Group plc Wales and West buses Division Area manager for Bath and Wells bus Depots and bus and coach stations and city of Wells council.

Somerset council, North Somerset council and West of England mayoral combined transport Authority will need. To work together for 12th June 2024 deadline for the bus service improvement plan submission with the Department for transport

Rosa Kell

Somerset bus partnership And Somerset catch the bus campaign

Wells and District bus users

Somerset bus partnership And Somerset catch the bus campaign covers the county of Somerset

Somerset unity council, Banes Council North Somerset council and the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority area ,

Statement 4 – Submitted on behalf of Ian Beckey & Brendon Taylor

We are very concerned about the need To make urgent progress on metro west Railway Network services and the

Bristol Temple meads station To Lawrence hill Bristol Stapleton Road Ashley Down station. Filton Abbey wood station Filton North for the area and Henbury for Cribbs Causeway and Bristol zoo

With the planning application for Henbury railway station.

Urgent progress is required on this station their we like the following railway issues progressed

Bristol Temple meads station to Portishead and Pill Railway line

With North Somerset council Department for transport, Network Rail Western route and First Group plc Great Western Railway company

Including reopening Ashton Gate station in the future,

Bristol Temple meads station to Bristol Lawrence hill, Bristol Stapleton road Ashley Down, Filton Abbey wood, Filton North for the Arena ,Henbury for Cribbs Causeway and Bristol zoo,

and Charfield station on the Bristol Temple meads station to Gloucester central and Worcester Forgate Street Line,

With the Bristol Temple meads station, Filton Abbey wood, Bristol parkway station, Yate, Charfield new station Cam and the Dursley proposed station stonehouse Bristol Road Gloucester central, Cheltenham spa Ashchurch for Tewkesbury Worcester Shrub Hill and Worcester Forgate Street,

On the £35 million pounds metro west railway Network, operated by First group plc Great Western Railway company

On this route instead of providing trains designed for the metro west railway Network 165 166 or 158 units

First Group plc Great Western Railway company is operating Inter city Express trains 5 car units designed for the Intercity train Network where if the train is the wrong way round first class end can platform at Yate cam and Dursley and Ashchurch for Tewkesbury station,

So wheelchair users and passengers with reduced mobility have the train at the second Class end the access toilets by no wheelchair accessible space

Passengers have to park in coach vestibule until the passengers can be transferred to the wheelchair space at Bristol parkway Gloucester central Cheltenham spa or Worcester Shrub Hill,

What representation are being made by the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority and North Somerset council and mayor Dan Norris to get the Department for transport and First group plc Great Western Railway company to provide trains designed for the metro west railway Network.

Ian Beckey living Easton

Brendon Taylor ,