

# Communities Scrutiny Commission Agenda



**Date:** Thursday, 23 March 2023

**Time:** 5.00 pm

**Venue:** City Hall Meeting Spaces - First Floor - 1P 09 -  
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## 8. Public Forum

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## 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023

### Public Forum



#### Public Forum Statements:

| Ref  | Name  | Topic   |
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| PFS1 | David Redgewell and Gordon Richardson, Bristol Disability Equalities Forum. | Community safety and the public transport network |



## **Public Forum Statements**

### **PFS1: David Redgewell, South West Transport Network and Railfuture Severnside, and Gordon Richardson, Bristol Disability Equalities Forum.**

#### **Community safety and the public transport network**

With the Bristol Public Transport Safety Partnership chaired by Alex Raikes at SARI covering the Greater Bristol and Bath city region, Bristol City Council, Banes and South Gloucestershire Council and North Somerset Council Area.

It's very important to have safe bus, train and ferry travel across our public transport network which is now the responsibility of the West of England Mayoral Combined Transport Authority and North Somerset Council with Mayor Dan Norris.

Safety on the Public Transport Network is very important especially for women and girls and the LGBTQ community and members of the travelling public.

Safe travel in taxis, coaches, buses, trains and ferries.

We need more cameras on our public transport network interchanges, especially on railway stations. Bedminster station still needs CCTV cameras, but all Metro west railway station joining the network should have CCTV cameras

With new stations at Ashley Down, Filton North and Henbury on the Bristol Temple Meads station to Henbury loop.

Bristol Temple Meads station to Pill and Portishead.

Bristol to Gloucester Central line camera at Charfield and Stonehouse Bristol Road.

On Buses we are very concerned about the number of bus shelters where lighting is not working and graffiti covered in central Bristol, Lawrence hill and Gloucester Road, and real-time information displays giving false bus information.

We need clean correct information displays, well-lit, graffiti removal from all bus infrastructure. Graffiti and tagging removed from buses. Graffiti makes passenger feel unsafe on the public transport Network. This was the experience in London Transport and New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

We need a safe public transport network including taxi services.

The councils in the West of England Mayoral Combined Transport Authority and North Somerset Council need to spend more time removing graffiti from bus stop interchanges and buildings, especially in Bristol city centre.

The University students accommodation buildings are allowed to tag their own buildings without any action by Bristol City Council in Nelson Street. In fact students tag the building in broad daylight opposite the main Bristol police station making the bus stops both sides of the building feel unsafe at night.

The city enforcement officer time would be much better spent dealing with fly posting, graffiti and fly tipping than standing outside the bus and coach station all day looking for bus drivers on his break to drop a cigarette.

When the Metro Mayor Dan Norris NEED MORE BUS DRIVERS.

We need Bristol Waste to send more time on removal of graffiti from the city building tagging, there was equipment brought for this service.

Streetlights at main transport interchanges and bus stops are very important.

We used to see more police officers walk through the main bus and coach station in Bristol. We need this to continue with PCSO, and PCSO officers and police officers travel on the city region bus network. This happens in the West Midlands Combined Transport Authority with Mayor Andy Street and in Greater Manchester combined transport Authority area with Mayor Andy Burnham.

British Transport Police patrol the Bristol Temple Meads station to Severn Beach line via Clifton Down station, Bristol Temple meads station to Weston-Super-Mare line, and the Bristol Temple Meads station to Bath Spa and Westbury line. Bristol Temple Meads station to Gloucester central line.

Ticketless travel is still an issue on Metro West Railway Network.

But lighting CCTV cameras and safety are important on the bus and railway network.

On the community safety of the LGBTQ community areas. Unlike Brighton and Manchester, Bristol City Council has not spent Love Our High Street money. The city council needs to spend time making Old Market and West Street safer. Removal of fly posting and graffiti tagging will help gay men and women feel safe around bars and clubs. A more positive Regeneration programme is required in this area. Bring more gay bars and clubs in use.

On policing we need Old Market to be in the Bristol City Centre night-time policing area. More work on reporting LGBTQ and disabled hate crimes which is going under reported.

The Avon and Somerset Police working with the British Transport Police and Bristol Port Police need to spend more resources keeping Greater Bristol and Bath city region transport network safe, working in partnership with the Police and Crime Commissioner Mark Shelford.

Bristol City Council soon to be with the transfer of Bristol City Council transport staff to the West of England mayoral combined transport Authority. Which is very much welcome by all transport users group. More resources need to be spent on making the city region public transport infrastructure safe for travel. This is the policy of the local transport authorities and police in Greater Manchester, Liverpool city region, West Midlands city region.

We look forward to safe public transport policing plan in Greater Bristol and Bath City Region plus North Somerset Council which is in line with government transport policy.