

Question: CS12.1

Cabinet – 2nd June 2020

Re: Agenda item 12 – Finance Update

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On the Coronavirus Transport network issues:

We would like to know what progress is being made of marking out bus stops in the Bristol city council area, and S Gloucestershire/BANES/ North Somerset and if WECA the mayoral transport authority have these social distancing measures in hand now? This should also include managing Local Railway stations including Bristol Temple Meads, Bath Spa Bristol Parkway and Weston super Mare.

Access by Bus service by routes 36 and 96 to south Bristol hospital urgently need to operate evening and Sunday services from Bristol city centre to Brislington and to Knowle and Hengrove. Also we need service 37 Bath – Bristol via Longwell Green and service 35 Bristol – Marshfield via Kingswood to operate out of core times. We understand that focus is on Mon – Fri 0700 – 1900 but there are essential journeys outside of these times too.

Work needs to be carried out in Kingswood Town Centre , Staple hill Downend Warmley, Cadbury heath .Longwell Green , Emerson's Green, Filton, Patchway, Hanham, Yate ,Thornbury, Chipping Sodbury

There needs to be clear management plans for the Bus stations at:

Yate, UWE, Cribbs Causeway, Southmead Hospital bus station, BRISTOL bus and coach station, Broadmead city centre, the Harbourside, Clifton Down Station, Old Market, Lawrence Hill Station, Westbury on Trym, Hartcliffe, Knowle and Brislington.

We currently have challenges with social distancing on the 75 route between The Wellington Gloucester road and Bedminster and routes 3/4 Bristol city centre to Shirehampton, Avonmouth and Cribbs Causeway bus station.

The Government guidance from the The Department for Transport has requested local authorities to work with bus operators on marshalling at key bus stands and extra cleaning of Bus shelters . Are Bristol city council improving information on bus shelters and stations on social distancing notices and realtime information.

On public toilets what plans does council have to reopen public toilets

On bus services there is a need for extension by the department for transport for covid 19 bus Bus operators grant . To enable social distancing of buses only 20 passengers on a double decker and 10 passengers on a single decker can be carried.

We are concerned about the bus services being withdrawn:

X14 chepstow bus station to Cribbs causeway bus station
Newport bus station to Chepstow bus station and Bristol bus and coach station.
X5 cribbs causeway bus station to Portishead Clevedon and Weston super mare.

All are Operated by stagecoach west but with no public subsidies from Monmouthshire council and Newport city council and Transport for Wales and WECA.

Services terminate on the 14th June 2020. The x5 is being retendered by North Somerset and WECA.

Service 19 Bath spa bus station to Cribbs Causeway bus station via Hillfields and kingswood, needs an evening service and Sunday services.

What plans does the council have to provide extra cycling space pavements and Bus Stabling facilities in line with Department for Transport instructions.

Addendum to statement:

We are very very concerned about the situation in Bristol city centre with a lack of public toilets including disabled accessible toilets.

With the community scheme not now in operation due to shops and restaurants closed down due to covid19 emergency, there is an urgent need to reopen some of the public toilets with grants from central government.

The government and public health England are looking at funding public toilets upgrading and cleaning.

We would like to see Bristol city council south Gloucestershire council who toilets are also closed Banes to make the case for investment in public toilets in the city region. With North Somerset council.

With tourist coming to BRISTOL harbour the Downs Clifton suspension Bridge Park like ,Blase castle, castle park, st George park Eastville park sodbury court, to Name just a few locations.

In the meantime we would like to see the council invest in portaloo and cleaners at key locations across the city with hand gels s .

We ask the Director of public health for Bristol investigate urgently the operation of public toilets in Bristol with disabled facilities. Looking at government grant for a changing places toilets in Bristol city centre.

On the danger of lack of social distancing in Bristol parks City centre shopping centres and the Harbour we would like to see the setting of the mayor of Bristol social distancing marshals with yellow vest and making out social distancing on the backs the scheme could work with weca mayoral transport authority .

To provide movemakers at key bus stops Bus station and interchanges railway stations.

There is urgently a need for clear key messages from the local authority and the mayor

Especially message on social distancing

Stay safe and Alert.

Go Home when a park is unsafe.

Bristol can also talk to core cities and south west councils about the problem of social distancing and

For the government guidance is fine but investment is required from central government to keep the community safe in public health terms and allowing economic growth in Bristol shopping centres and in future tourism industry night time economy bars and restaurants later in the summer.

Hope these issues can be raised the Cities mps and government talk with Plymouth Exeter Bournemouth Poole and Christchurch leadership may help a south west and West Gateway approach.

In the and that portable toilets can be provided with the city.

In public transport network interchanges

By the metro mayor so there are toilets for people to wash your hands.

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