

**Statement: PS08.01**

**Cabinet – 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020**

**Re: Agenda item – Clean Air Zone**

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Statement regarding the Bristol city centre clean air zone.

We would like to support the city mayor clean air zone proposals for the old city, city centre, Baldwin Street and Bristol Bridge.

We still have concerns about the air quality outside the Bristol university hospital as it is the major children's hospital for south west England and heart hospital and has poor air quality around it.

More should be done to develop a green travel plan even with covid 19 with the Bristol and Weston university hospital trust.

We welcome the road closure in the old city and Kings Street, new cycle lane In Maudlin Street, Rupert Street and Lewins Mead but still need bus priority. More work needs to be carried out in Haymarket on bus shelter, stands and developing a bus hub like Fleming way in Swindon.

Lewins Mead is difficult with the cycle lanes before dropping off at the bus station - this issue need addressing.

We need a clean air zone that bans dirty Diesel cars from the city centre but regret this has now been removed due to Covid 19 .Dirty Diesel still are still polluting our city centre. With bus service improvements on route No 2 and 2a from Stockwood, Hengrove, Knowle, Bristol Temple Meads, Bristol Bridge, city centre, Clifton Down station/shopping centre, Henleaze, Southmead or Southmead Hospital to Cribbs Causeway bus station.

We think the closure of Park Street may also be an option to through traffic with private cars shopping, taxis and buses with disabled access. Please note this is proposed to remove through traffic not access to shopping, parks, museum, tourist attractions and residential buildings.

The report is light on coach parking facilities or exemption for school buses and Coaches including coach services in the Bond street area operating Express Coaches service. We would be very concerned if both UK Express Coaches service from Stagecoach West Megabus and European coaches were charged for entering the city centre Bond street coach facilities. Tourism is £4.2 billion pounds economy and 600,000 jobs. We need to manage coach facilities.

Whilst walking/cycling is very important in the charging zone, it is very important that the Transport authority, WECA mayoral transport authority and North Somerset council provide alternative public transport into the city centre.

The lack of progress on North Somerset council not joining WECA is of concern to Transport lobby groups. But the metro mayor still needs to improve the public transport network.

Many bus routes do not have evening or Sunday services.

- Still running Covid 19 services timetables on route 37 Bristol Bus Station, Lawrence Hill Station, St George Park, Hanham, Longwell Green, Bitton, Kelson, Weston, RuH rear of the Hospital;
- Bath spa bus station is not operating;
- Y2 evening service Fishponds road Fishponds Downend Bromley health and yate bus station to Chipping Sodbury;
- T2 Gloucester Road Horfield Filton Cribbs Causeway bus station Horthan Alverston and Thornbury. No evening or Sunday services.
- Links to southmead hospital and at cribbs causeway bus station to Severnside.
- Route 5 St Pauls, Eastville, Stapleton, Fishponds, Downend is finishing early evening and Sundays.

96 in south Bristol is every 2 hours Brislington, Knowle and Hengrove hospital.

Bus services need to improve in the city region to get people out of cars metro bus routes to Thornbury ,Yate ,chipping sodbury, Nailsea ,clevedon, keynsham and Bath

Portway parkway railway station on the Severn beach line needs to be constructed officering journeys to the city centre. And Gloucester road via Montpellier station complete works on Patchway station lifts bridge and car park.

Yate park and ride needs to be constructed and y1 bus service provided to the city centre. Bus lanes on the m32 and ring road complete park and ride sites around Greater Bristol and Bath city region.

There is a need to deliver metro west railway services to Portishead and Pill, Bristol Temple Meads to Lawrence hill, Stapleton Road, Ashley Down, Filton North and Henbury including the loop.

Also Metro west railway services to Bath Spa and Westbury, Bristol Temple Meads to Yate, Charfield, Stonehouse, Bristol Road and Gloucester.

The report does not mention light rail system proposal for the Bristol and Bath city region.

It is very important that WECA mayoral transport authority and North Somerset council invest in alternative public transport provision with in the city region along with the western gateway transport board.

Clean air charging zone need addressing around Bristol Temple meads station and the need for exemption for Railway replacement services from First Group, Great

Western Railway, South Western Railway and Cross Country trains. Both regional and into the south west region especially with metro west planned building work and on Bristol temple meads station

We are also very very concerned about the lack of any public transport network marketing campaign around public transport at present.

With the railway network cost £182 million pounds a week to fund at present and the bus service £27 million pound a week in England.

The government travel safe this summer advertising campaign for Covid 19 safe travel does not appear to be happening in WECA mayoral transport authority area or North Somerset council.

This is of great concern to passengers group like the Somerset bus campaign. We need to address in this scheme Covid 19 bus and coach service provision costing £40 million pounds a week in England.

Following the scrutiny commission meeting the department for transport message is the public transport is safe providing passengers social distance.

Wear face covering unless you're exempt.

Keeping buses ,bus stops, and station clean .

Clean all touch surfaces. Deep cleaning at all stagecoach west at Patchway, Gloucester and Stroud. and First group depots at Weston super mare, Bath, Hengrove ;Lawrence hill and wells depot s in the city region. Over night .

If a passengers has covid 19 reported on the bus by public health England.

The vehicle is removed from service and specialist cleaned after 72 hours.

Pay contactless where you can.

Disabled customers are welcome on all buses trains and Coaches.

Respect the driver and inspectors safely advise.

Buses carry 33 on a double decker and 18 on a single decker. passenger capacity.

Trains capacity on local trains.

60 to 80 passengers on the Severn beach line train.

Cleaned and touch surfaces cleaned all train s at Bristol Temple meads. throughout the day.

Deep cleaning at Bristol st Phillips marsh. Exeter Westbury and Gloucester for first Great western railway.

Bristol Barton hill depot for cross country trains db and Salisbury for first south western railway.

Deep cleaning and smogging is carried out of all train units every 28 days .

School buses and college s buses travel in bubbles with no passengers. And can travel in year groups

Weca mayoral transport authority is responsible for public transport network marketing through travel west marketing

Lead by Grant shapps the secretary of state for transport.

The Department for transport is running a Regional and National public transport and school buses and Coaches campaign

Stagecoach west and First group have special safe travel campaigns  
For students  
And for people using public transport for work.

Travel safe this summer is the department for transport message.  
And first group across the south west of England is were go to go .  
Mike hope this information is helpful public transport is safe providing passengers follow the rules.

Its would be good if weca mayoral transport authority.  
Could restore bus service y2 Bristol to Fishponds Downend yate evening services

T2 Bristol Bishopton Horfield back of southmead hospital cribbs causeway bus station Horton Thornbury no evening or Sunday services

37 Bristol bus station, Lawrence hill st George , Hanham, Longwell Green, Bitton Kelson, Weston, RuH rear entrance and Bath spa bus station no 37 service  
No service.

96 Brislington Knowle Hengrove hospital. 2 hourly service.

We would also support the closure of Cumberland road for Metro bus service and the harbour railway and chocolate path.

And princess street Bridge. to the private car but we must improve public transport walking and cycling in the city region.