

Question: CQ09.01&02

Cabinet – 26th January 2021

Re: Agenda item 9 Budget Recommendations to Full Council, including the Treasury Management Strategy

Questions submitted by: David Redgewell

1. Capital Programme:

What progress is being made with Network rail western routes; the Department for Transport; First group; Great western railway and the metro mayor WECA mayoral combined Authority in opening the very important Portway parkway station and Interchange and can the city mayor ask the metro mayor for the station opening delivery date?

- **Bristol City Council is leading the project to deliver a new railway station at Portway Park & Ride; working closely with Network Rail, Great Western Railway, WECA and the DfT.**
- **Detailed Design for the project is currently underway and progressing well with construction due to start on site in March.**
- **The station is due to open in December 2021.**

2. Capital Programme:

The council and WECA mayoral combined authority continues to show the metro bus project, do we have a date for operation of the south Bristol loop with a new bus stop on Bamfield for metro bus from Hengrove hospital through Hartcliffe; Withywood; South Bristol link through North Somerset council area to Ashton gate park and ride to Bristol Temple Meads; Old Market; Broadmead and the city centre as this scheme is also supported by the Karen Smyth MP and North Somerset council?

Do we have a date to commission the service by WECA mayoral transport authority?

- **As you'll know the management and provision of metrobus services is now the responsibility of WECA, on behalf of the metrobus authorities.**
- **Furthering the penetration of metrobus services along the South Bristol link remains an aspiration of the network, but this is subject to a commercial proposal from bus operators. Due to the impact on the bus industry of Covid 19, operators are not in a position to commit to additional service provision at this time.**
- **A funding proposal for an additional bus stop on Bamfield on the existing m1 metrobus route is being developed by WECA, and will be implemented by BCC when funding is agreed. WECA approval of funding is expected towards the end of 2021, with implementation following at the start of 2022.**