

Question: CQ10.02

Cabinet – 5 October 2021

Re: Agenda item 10 – Bus Deal/Strategic Corridors update

Question submitted by: Councillor Tim Rippington

It is very pleasing to see that finance to improve our bus services is high on the agenda in the region as a whole, and particularly along the A4 corridor which passes through my ward of Brislington East. Improving local bus services was a feature of our 2021 manifesto and it is good to see we are getting on with delivering on our promises.

As I understand it, the Bus Deal was struck between BCC and First Bus in 2019, before the global pandemic and well before the recent publication of the government's Bus Back Better strategy. **Can the Cabinet Member for Transport assure us that the deal is still relevant, given the forthcoming Enhanced Partnership between WECA and local bus operators, and if so, how do these two things dovetail together?**

I note also that the recent engagement exercise on the A4 corridor is not mentioned in Appendix B of the cabinet papers, and I can only assume that this was omitted in error.