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Re: Agenda item 9 – Clean Air Zone Update

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We welcome the urgency to progress the clean air zone to save lives from poor air quality in the city centre and around the city region hospitals complex around the Universities Hospitals Bristol and Weston super Mare. I hope there is money for Euro 6 Engine upgrade or for new vehicles to one of Greater Bristol main bus operators stagecoach west which is looking to merge with National Express coach ltd and with first group plc and hct provide the city region bus Network.

There should be discussions with Megabus coaches and Falcon coaches Stagecoach group tourist coaches about the clean air zone as tourism is worth 4. 8 Billion pounds a year to Bristol economy.

We have fleet of coaches at present park up for the Christmas market which is one of the biggest in South west England as Bath has been cancelled.

Felix bus of Europe appears to set up a region coach hub in Bond street outside the Hampton at Hilton hotel with a west of England mayoral combined Authority bus stop and no passengers waiting facilities but blocks access to the hotel for guests.

Access to the zone without changing for Network rail western route and first group and cross country trains German state railway.

All of which are funded by the Department for transport.

We welcome progress on the next showcase bus route across the city from Whitchurch, Hengrove, Knowle, Bristol Temple Meads station, Cabot Circus city centre, Park Street, Clifton Down station, Westbury, Henbury, Cribbs Causeway. We need to progress this bus route upgrading with mayor Dan Norris so we have alternatives to driving in the city centre such as opening Bristol Portway parkway station on the Seven Beach to Bristol Temple meads line with Network rail western route First group and mayor Dan Norris.

We welcome bus tickets for people who do not use their cars we should have local railway tickets as well through the freedom pass.

We must reduce the private car and lorries in Bristol city centre and clean up the Air and save lives.

Does the Mayor think that enough alternatives to the private car in Bristol city centre are being funded by the Department for transport for public transport walking and cycling facilities?