

## **Statement: PS09.01**

**Cabinet – 18 January 2022**

### **Re: Agenda item 9 - 2022/23 Budget Report and Treasury Management Strategy (Including Public Health)**

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Public transport users and voters are concerned about the Bristol city council and the city mayor, Banes and South Gloucestershire council passporting the support bus subsidies to the west of England mayoral combined Transport Authority for the supported service bus network which provides bus services to some of the poorest communities in Greater Bristol in South, East and west Bristol.

At present, the metro mayor Dan Norris has no precepting powers to main bus services and public transport infrastructure like the mayor of the west Midlands Andy Street and Andy Burnham mayor of Greater Manchester.

The support bus and coach Network is important alongside covid 19 bus operators recovery grant from the Department for transport grant to maintain the important Great Bristol and Bath city region and North Somerset council bus Network. which is under threat from the Department for transport buses minister Baroness Vere of Norbiton. We need to retain covid 19 bus operators recovery grant.

We have bus service cut from 30 January 2022:

- On services 4 Bristol city centre sea mills Shirehampton, Lawrence Weston and Henbury no longer services cribs causeway bus station and food shops
- Services 23 24 Ashton vale to Bristol city centre has no Evening and Sunday service.
- Services 3 3 a Bristol bus and coach Ashton Gate, Bower Ashton, Pill and Portishead
- Services 17 Keynsham Kingswood Southmead hospital bus station - the services is withdrawn in the Longwell green and speedwell and Soundwell.
- Services 71 is no longer serving Gloucester road North Filton Ave, now operating along Gloucester road from UWE Bus station to Parson street but not UWE at Bower Ashton.
- Bristol city centre Gloucester road Bristol parkway station and Cribbs causeway bus station is diverted in Bradley stoke area.
- Whilst there is a link between Bristol city centre Lawrence hill St George Hanham longwell green Bitton cherry garden service 45 change for Bath service 19 via Bitton, kelston, Weston ,Bath spa bus station.

Whilst we welcome the connections the Public transport interchange at cherry Gardens has no lighting CCTV cameras or proper passengers' facilities. this is the same at Henbury crow lane.

We also need proper budgets for bus stops, bus shelters and interchanges coach stops which are part of the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority Network.

In all other mayoral combined transport Authorities, all the infrastructure and staff work for the combined transport Authority.

We also need clear budgets for graffiti removals from Public transport interchanges and bus stop and more enforcement by the police and Crime commissioner and the Avon and Somerset police and the British transport police.

Alex Reake Public transport safety partnership is working well with the public transport operators, Taxis, Ferries British transport police Avon and Somerset police and police and crime commissioner office the west of England mayoral combined Transport Authority North Somerset council Banes council and South Gloucestershire council but Public transport interchanges and bus stops are very important and we must remove Graffiti, repair shelters, lighting, Realtime information systems.

So, we must have clear maintenance budgets and prosecution by the city council west of England mayoral combined Authority and the Avon and Somerset police.

The community even with budget savings to keep the city clean as per the mayor campaign for cleaner street and for Bristol waste limited to remove Graffiti from across the city again another successful mayor policy which must be funded. During covid 19 we successfully funded Public toilets in city centre and the harbour. we must have a public toilets policy and community toilets funding within the budget.

Bus drivers staff and passengers need access to good quality public toilets.

Of course, maintaining public service is very difficult at present with covid 19. Especially around housing and social care parks and gardens, sports and leisure centres.

We need to invest in Tourism Bristol and Bath Tourist west as it worth 4 Billion pounds in the Bus economy and we need a tourist information centre in Bristol and Bath one option is to use empty shops in Bristol and Bath spa bus station.

But without access to public transport many people in Bristol cannot access Employment Education and shopping facilities Heath care and leisure and Tourism.

On capital budget it is important we fund the works to Bristol harbour flood defences.

Bristol city region cannot function without investment in high quality public transport. The west of England mayoral Transport Authority and North Somerset council bus service improvements plan and city Region plan.

The A37 Bus corridor from street Glastonbury, wells bus and coach station Chewton Mendip, Farrington Gurney, Clutton, Pensford, Whitchurch, Hengrove Knowle, Bristol Temple meads and Bristol bus and coach station.

A4018 Bristol city centre park street Clifton Down station, Westbury, Henleaze Southmead, Brentry, Henbury and Cribbs causeway bus station.

A367 Bath spa bus and coach station Peasedown St John, Radstock, Westfield Midsomer Norton Paulton Shepton Mallet Wells bus station.

A369 Bristol city centre to Pill and Portishead.

A370 Bristol city centre to Weston super mare.

A38 Bristol bus and coach station and Bond street to Bristol Airport, Churchill Brent Knoll, Bridgwater Taunton Wellington, Cullompton, Exeter, Newton Abbott, and Plymouth.

as far as the Somerset border.

metro west railway Network.

Portway parkway.

Bristol Temple meads to Portishead via Pill.

New station at Ashton Gate.

Bristol Temple meads Lawrence hill Stapleton road, Ashley Down, Filton Abbey wood, Filton North, Henbury for Cribbs causeway.

Bristol Temple meads to Gloucester central with station at Lawrence hill, Stapleton road, Ashley Down, Filton Abbey wood, Bristol parkway yate Charfield cam and Dursley, Stonehouse Bristol road and Gloucester central.

Bristol Temple meads to Avonmouth Dock and Severn Beach via Lawrence hill, Stapleton road, Montpellier, Redland Clifton Down station, sea mills shirehampton, Avonmouth Dock St Andrew road and Severn Beach.

Bristol Temple meads to Keynsham Oldfield Park, Bath spa Freshford, Avoncliff, Bradford on Avon Trowbridge Westbury and Warminster.

Bristol Temple meads station to Bedminster parson street Nailsea and Backwell Yatton for Clevedon, Worle parkway Weston millon, Weston super mare. Highbridge and Burnham on sea Bridgwater and Taunton.

metro west is a very important public transport project for the Bristol and Bath city region.

with accessible station at Bedminster parson street Nailsea and Backwell Weston super mare, Freshford, Lawrence hill, Stapleton road, Avonmouth, Pilning.

on Mass transit system the key corridor is Bristol city centre bus station Bristol Temple meads Arnos vale, Brislington Keynsham, Salford, Newbridge, Weston, and Bath spa bus station.

and one option is to use the North Somerset railway line as a cycling route walking and mass transit bus route to Callington Road then the ring road to Bath Road to Hick Gate along the Keynsham bypass with interchanges for Keynsham town centre, Salford Newbridge, Weston Bath spa bus and coach station.

We need mass transit line in Bristol to the South East and North of the city region.

it very important to support the city region Public and sustainable transport fund through the west of England mayoral combined Authority.