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Re: Agenda item 8 – Budget Monitoring Outturn Report P9

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Whilst we are happy with the transport levy to the West of England mayoral combined transport Authority for support bus service Network and for the city region transport plan and the:

- A37 Street, Glastonbury, Wells bus station, Chewton Mendip, Farrington Gurney, Clutton, Pensford, Whitchurch Hengrove, Knowle, Bristol Temple Meads station Bristol Cabot circus Bristol city centre, park street , Clifton Down station, Henleaze, Southmead, Brenty, Henbury, Cribbs Causeway bus station.
- A4 Bristol bus station Bristol Temple meads, Arno vale, Brislington, Keynsham Salford Newbridge, Weston and Bath spa bus station.
- Mass transit corridor from Bristol city centre Bristol Temple meads station Arnos vale Brislington to Hengrove and Whitchurch and via Callington Road to Keynsham Salford Newbridge Weston and Bath spa bus station using the North Somerset railway line.
- A367 Bath bus and coach station bus and coach station to Peasedown St John, Radstock, Westfield, Midsomer Norton, Paulton, Chilcompton or Shepton mallet, wells bus station.

There is a need for bus stop maintenance in Bristol Bath and North Somerset council and South Gloucestershire council to be improved with up-to-date passengers information working realtime information displays out of Date Network posters removed and fares information.

There is an urgent need to remove graffiti from Bus shelters lighting working and shelters repaired we need to see this included in the 3 unity Authorities budgets. This must include money to remove Graffiti from public transport interchanges and infrastructure. We must also use the Avon and Somerset police and British transport police to taggers and people damaging property before the courts.

North Somerset bus corridors from Bristol bus and coach station to Pill, Portishead, Backwell, Nailsea, Clevedon, Long Ashton, Backwell, Yatton, Worle Parkway Weston super Mare transport interchange with 27 new buses being funded as Part of Bristol city centre clean air zone. Whilst the metro mayor Dan Norris and the west of England combined Authority committee has put £ 900 000 extra revenue support for the city region support bus Network and an Extra £ 400 000 for bus services. Bus stop maintenance and interchange maintenance should be a direct responsibility of the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority which should include North Somerset council.

We are still very worried that the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority and North Somerset council will not be able to continue to maintain

the Great Bristol and Bath city region bus Network with services into North Somerset as passengers number are only at 63 % of pre covid levels without the Department for transport covid 19 bus operators recovery grant being extended we are seeing a 30 % proposal from the Bus companies First group west of England buses Stagecoach west hct group favesaver Bath bus company Rapt. The city region needs bus service improvements for economy growth access to jobs, Education, health care shopping, leisure and Tourism facilities.

We already have bus service reductions in Kingwood longwell green South Bristol, Ashton vale, sea mills, Shirehampton, Lawrence Weston Henbury area links to food shopping at cribbs causeway and the bus station interchanges facilities. The Department for transport is not clear on the revenue support for public bus services.

Whilst we welcome progress on bus back better the National bus strategy and the west of England mayoral transport Authority bus service improvements plan joint with North Somerset council and the Enhanced quality partnership. but this new money if we are awarded this money by the Department for transport cannot be used on maintenance of our existing bus and coach services.

We are not able to put the kind of reserve money from that the combined transport Authority that the North east of England combined transport Authority is doing even with services reductions.

The city region must make the case for maintenance of our bus and public transport services to the Department for transport and Baroness vere of Norberton the buses minister.

As well as protecting the support bus services in the Budget, public transport interchanges investment also requires public toilets including disabled and changing places.

Public transport is one of 12 points of the plan for levelling up the region of the England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and the English Regions United Kingdom.

On the capital programme budget it is disappointing that the levelling up fund from the government has failed to grant aid to the regeneration of Bristol Temple meads and Temple quay, one of the biggest regeneration project in South west of England. and is major Network rail station and public transport hub on the intercity rail Network and Region railway services.

With Railway services to the rest of South West England, Weston super mare, Taunton, Exeter, St David's, Plymouth and Penzance.
Bristol to the Birmingham Midland the North and Scotland.
Bristol Temple meads to Newport Cardiff central and south Wales.
Bristol Temple meads to Bath spa Westbury, Salisbury, Southampton and Portsmouth Harbour / westbury yeovil pen mill and Weymouth.
The London Paddington to Bristol Temple meads and line to Bristol Parkway and Patchway needs Electrification beyond Chippenham

The station still need upgrading of Disabled passengers' facilities changing places toilets New waiting room restaurants and buffets shops a new bus rail interchanges for buses and coaches.

Southern Entrance and car park and bus interchange for South Bristol and Bath and North east Somerset Towns and well bus and coach station Glastonbury and street. mass transit system platforms.

station improvements to the railway lines to parson street metro west railway to pill and Portishead. Ashton gate new station

Bristol Temple meads to Henbury via Ashley Down, Filton Abbey wood Filton North and Henbury for cribs causeway and the loop line.

Bristol Temple meads to Gloucester central with new railway station s Filton Abbey wood Bristol parkway yate charfield cam and Dursey, stonehouse Bristol road and Gloucester.

Bristol Temple meads to Bath spa Westbury via keynsham oidfiled park Bath spa Freshford Avoncliff Bradford on Avon Trowbridge Westbury, warminster/ Frome. new station at St Anne's park and Salford.

Bristol Temple meads to Avonmouth and seven Beach line with shirehampton parkway station.

station at Lawrence hill , Stapleton road Montpellier,Redland ,Clifton Down sea mill ,shirehampton, Avonmouth Dock st Andrew road and seven Beach.

like leeds and London kings cross the leveling up the Temple meads and Temple quay area will provide homes shops a school conference centre university campus student flats offices

and quayside and canal side regeneration and a sustainable transport corridor to Bedminster green and is one of biggest leveling up site with public transport connectivity in South west England.

with the the need for Harbour side flood prevention this will home jobs and economic growth and a high quality sustainable environment

A project the Bristol one city transport Board has worked on with Network rail western firstgroup buses Great western railway cross country trains German state railway Department for transport

Home and community agency.

and we have had success with the station roof Eastern entrance and East junction

whilst their is money in the capital programme of the city council and the west of England mayoral combined Authority and North Somerset council for the Portishead Railway line .

We need levelling up funding from the Department for Transport. The city mayor Malvin Rees and metro mayor Dan Norris must press the case with the Region MPs and members of the House of Lords Transport Select Committee western gateway transport Board and partnership South west transport Board and the prime minister, secretary of state for levelling up Michael Gove and Grant Shapps and secretary of state for transport on the budget question both as well as homes, Parks and Gardens Public and community toilets and Graffiti removal cleaning is very important services especially with a 5,4 billion pounds tourist economy in the Bristol city region. Money is also required for Tourist information centres in Bristol and Bath.

Disabled access and parking require further on the ability to pay for any new scheme.

The city region capital programme is very important to a sustainable public transport Network. We must follow Great Manchester Liverpool city region and Transport for the North and the mayor for the west Midlands and press central government for investment in Bristol and Bath city region capital programme around Bristol Temple meads and quays and Severnside North and south Bristol.