

Appendix B – Details of consultation carried out - internal and external

metrobus upgrade package only

Internal

- All teams included in the BCC quality assurance stakeholder list have been engaged. The teams on the stakeholder list are inclusive of: Highway maintenance, Parks and green spaces, Equalities team, Public transport, Ecology, Tree management, Urban design, Street lighting, Flood risk, Structures team, Traffic signals, TRO team, Transport development management, Parking services, Road safety and local engineering (Road safety), Road safety and local engineering (Walking and cycling), Property, Docks, Strategic transport planning, Highway network management, Highways drainage, BNET. Each team was given the opportunity to scrutinise the designs and provide feedback. Their comments have filtered into the design process to assure the proposals are of a quality standard.

External

- Informal engagement has been held between the BCC Public Transport Team and the Hengrove and Whitchurch Park ward councillors, as they have expressed their constituents desire for a set of metrobus stops in the middle of Bamfield.
- There has been ongoing engagement with WECA, South Gloucestershire Council, and Atkins, to prepare the full business case.
- Over the past few years, bus operators have raised concerns regarding road safety at the Stoke Lane/Stoke Gate junction, as driver visibility restricted by the street sign and the verge. Their concerns extended to the period of time buses were held at the junction due to standing traffic blocking the junction mouth.

Plans for future consultation:

- There are plans to present at the Transport Management Team (TMT) meeting on the 10th of January 2022. Following this meeting the report will be presented before the Executive Directors meeting on the 12th of January 2022, with scope of taking the report to the Cabinet meeting on the 1st of March. The Mayor's Office will also be informed of the proposals as part of the key decision pathway.
- Following the TMT Meeting on the 10th of January, the cabinet member for transport will be informed of the proposals and the key dates.
- The ward members of Hengrove and Whitchurch Park, and Frome Vale will be informed of the proposals following the cabinet member has been briefed.
- A steer will be sought at TMT regarding on the best time to consult the public on the proposals given that the funding will not be made available until after the WECA Joint Committee meeting on the 8th of April.
- Following a positive decision from the WECA Joint Committee and prior to construction bus operators will also be informed of the proposals.