

# Communities Scrutiny Commission

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Public Forum



## Questions

Ref	Name	Topic
S1	David Redgewell	Community safety



## **Statements**

### **Statement 1**

I would like to raise following on issues on the importance of community safety on the public transport network and safety of bus rail and ferry, joint with the West of England Mayoral Combined Transport Authority and Mayor Dan Norris and North Somerset Council, South Gloucestershire and BANES Council; with the Avon and Somerset Police and the Police and Crime Commissioner Mark Shelford, British Transport Police, First Group buses and Cross Country Trains.

We have a specialist partnership with SARI.

The issue is safety on the city region bus and coach network railway service.

We have LGBTQ women and girls, BME and Disabled people hate crimes. We need safe bus stops and interchanges facilities including Audit by the West of England Mayoral Combined Transport Authority.

We are very concerned at bus interchanges at Henbury Crow Lane and Avonmouth Arkeman Way. We need CCTV cameras, better lighting and better shelters design and interchanges over safety and information at Railway stations.

We need more work on public transport interchanges and safety. We have now CCTV cameras on Bedminster station, Sea Mills, Shirehampton, Avonmouth and St Andrew Road and Severn Beach.

We also need to remove graffiti from buildings and bus and rail infrastructure; we need to hold Bristol Waste Company to account on graffiti removals in the beautiful city of Bristol, not just in the centre of Bristol but across the city region.

The building needs graffiti tagging removal. We are not making reference to street art.

We need to know what action has been taken by the Avon and Somerset police and British Transport police in bringing these taggers before the courts, by Bristol City Council BaNES Council, South Gloucestershire Council and North Somerset Council

The City Mayor Marvin Rees has a top priority of cleaner street and graffiti removal; we would like to know how much scrutiny is being carried out of this service.

On public and community toilets it's very important for residents and tourists bus and coach passengers that we have a good provision of public toilets including changing places for disabled people. We need to sell the disused Public toilet like Cheltenham Borough Council and reinvest in new public and community toilets provision.

South Gloucestershire Council has bid for new Disabled accessible changing place toilets from central government. The city and county of Bristol needs to look into bidding options for public toilets. £1.4 billion economy pre covid 19 in tourism in Bristol city region. We must work with the private sector on public toilets. We also need a Tourist information centre with disabled toilet provision with

Destination West in Bristol and Bath. We note the £150 000 provision last summer on public toilets in Harbourside and Queen Sq.

We need to make provision for public toilets in the scrutiny commission looking at council policy. We also need to see full equalities access to Bristol City Council meeting via zoom and Teams links.

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Bristol Disability equalities forum.

South Gloucestershire disability equalities Network.