

## **Statement: PS15.01**

**Cabinet – 3 March 2022**

**Re: Agenda item 15 - Metrobus upgrade package**

**Statement submitted by: South West Transport Network (David Redgewell)**

We welcome the investment in metro bus in South Bristol and Whitchurch the stop at Bamfield is to be welcomed as part of a long community campaign to both Bristol city council mayor and Transport Executive Donald Alexander and the mayor for the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority Dan Norris. it will also provide a stop close to the new housing estate and community facilities on the former Whitchurch Airport at Hengrove and future housing in Whitchurch. This needs to be designed with fully disabled access shelters and very importantly I-point but also with CCTV.

We welcome the Cribbs Causeway bus station Bradley Stoke UWE bus station M32, Redcliffe Hill, Bedminster station, Parson Street, Knowle, Hengrove, Whitchurch and Hengrove South Bristol hospital bus interchanges.

We welcome the extension of the route in the future on the South Bristol link to Hartcliffe, Withywood, Long Ashton Park and ride to Bristol city centre. We also need a link via Portway parkway to seven Beach in the future. We welcome this new metro bus stop. We hope the I-points will sell the full range of integrated transport tickets so people can travel across the city region and not just products of first group west of England buses because of the need to travel on stagecoach west HCT group and Rapt Bath buses.

On the South Bristol to Hengrove to Cribbs Causeway bus station route we also welcome investment in the stoke lane junction metro bus route we welcome this investment as part this project as part of Transforming city's fund of £649 657 000. We note the report talks about first group view of stoke lane whilst the Emerson green route is operated by first group west of England buses. Hct group of London operates the Hengrove bus interchanges to Bristol city centre and UWE Bristol bus station Bradley stoke and Cribbs causeway bus station. M1 route for first group and the west of England mayoral combined Authority.

It should be noted the £150 million pound in England on the 1st of March 2022 by Baroness Vare of Norberton the bus minister and the need for the West of England mayoral combined Authority Mayor Dan Norris and North Somerset council to bring into force the enhanced quality partnership with the west of England bus operator including first group west of England buses stagecoach west hct group RAPT Bath in partnership with the Transport cabinet member in Bristol Councillor Don Alexander, Councillor Steve Reade, South Gloucestershire, Banes council Sarah Warren and North Somerset, Councillor Don Davies to continue vital bus service to operate including metro bus in Greater Bristol City region.

Metro bus is a very important to the Transport system of the Greater Bristol and Bath city region and forms part of a mass transit system and we welcome the investment

by Bristol city council the Highway Authority and West of England mayoral combined transport Authority and the metro mayor Dan Norris and Councillor Don Alexander.