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PUBLIC FORUM - QUESTIONS**Clr Geoff Gollop (Item 7: Bristol Waste Business Plan). Q1-6**Preamble

I received notification on Friday 10th February from Companies House that the interim Managing Director ceased to be a director of Bristol Waste on 12 January 2023. Given that this departure was in the middle of the business planning process for 23/24 my questions are as follows:

1. What date were OSM members notified of the delay in receiving the Bristol Waste Business plan?

Officer response

The Chair of OSMB and Democratic services were notified of the expected delay on the 26th January, when it was agreed the item would be rescheduled and OSMB members notified.

2. Why were we not advised at the time of the departure of the interim Managing Director?

Officer response

OSMB members would not usually be notified at the time of a change in board membership, however, the Chair of OSMB was advised on the 12th January at the joint quarterly briefing with the Chair of Audit. The matter was also reported to the Shareholder group (which the Chair of OSMB attends as observer) on the 16th January.

3. What management arrangements are now in place?

Officer response

The current management arrangements are an Interim MD (an Independent NED and has stepped into the role whilst a permanent MD is recruited), and 5 other directors.

4. Will the business plan be available for scrutiny and for cabinet approval in line with the revised timetable?

Officer response

The Cabinet approval date remains the 7th March. The OSMB date for review has been moved to 3rd March to ensure that the public and members have the full amount of time to review the papers.

5. Am I right in understanding that Bristol Waste has had 3 Managing Directors since it was incorporated?

Officer response

There have been four, including the current post-holder.

6. Should members of council be concerned that each former MD has left at short notice with no explanation given to members?

Officer response

No. All usual governance processes were followed, including approval of the reserved matter decision by BCC as Shareholder, reporting to the Shareholder group, and the quarterly joint briefing with the Chairs of Audit and OSMB. OSMB members receive the final approved set of minutes of quarterly

Shareholder group meetings, and have the opportunity to be updated on such matters at scheduled OSMB meetings.

PUBLIC FORUM - STATEMENTS

Statement 1: David Redgewell

Since the budget meeting, First group plc west of England buses after negotiation with the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority and North Somerset council bus service improvement plan area. Despite the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority and North Somerset council buying back frequency on major corridor. With a statement London Transport bus frequency on Key main road only corridors in Greater Bristol and Bath city region.

i.e. Gloucester Road.

Fishponds Road.

Bath Road.

Bristol to Cribbs Causeway bus station.

Bristol to Stockwood/ Broomhill / Brislington.

Better buses to Shirehampton and Avonmouth.

Bristol to Portishead.

Bristol to Nailsea.

Bristol to Clevedon.

Bristol to Weston super Mare.

Bristol to East Bristol/Kingswood.

Bristol to Bath.

Bristol to Bath via Paulton.

Bristol to Wells Glastonbury and Street.

And metro buses to UWE bus station.

7 million pounds of taxpayers money.

To First group plc and stagecoach group.

Unlike Transport for London which has a secondary bus network every 15 minutes.

The west of England mayoral combined transport Authority has agreed to the withdrawn of more bus services due to no increase in Transport levy from Bristol city council, Banes and South Gloucestershire council.

Services withdrawn are the following.

Bristol city centre to Ashton Vale.

Service 23.

Service 91 Bristol city centre to Knowle Filwood Imperial park Hartcliffe.

Service 92 Bristol city centre to Whitchurch is still not operating around the Whitchurch estate.

Once service 516 Whitchurch Hengrove Knowle service is withdrawn on 1st April 2023 .

Adding to service 96 St Anne's park Bristington, Knowle, Hengrove hospital and Hartcliffe

Already being withdrawn.

Bristol bus and coach station Arnos vale Brislington, Keynsham, park estate.

Evening service.

Service 17 Keynsham Kingswood Corsham hospital Hillfields Staple Hill Fishponds Eastville park Horfield Southmead hospital bus station.

Is losing Evening services.

Service 47 Yate bus station, Westerleigh, Pucklechurch, Emersons green, Oldbury court Fishponds road Eastville park

St Werburghs St Paul Bristol bus and coach station.

Only the 525 Emersons green to Yate bus station and North Yate via Pucklechurch and Westerleigh.

Leaving a number of Greater Bristol communities being left without bus services.

There appear to be the need for more passenger input to address concerns with stakeholder accountability for the money being spent on the bus service improvement plan money.

As no Bus service improvement Board or panel in operation. In the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority or North Somerset council.

We have no passenger group input to the changes with the local Authorities Bristol city council Banes South Gloucestershire council and North Somerset council and the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority.

The west of England mayoral combined transport Authority is the only combined Authority in England to have its Transport and Housing Board meetings in private.

Somerset county council meet in public with the bus service improvement plan.

Bus operators and passengers and stakeholder on the Bus services Advisory Board.

Devon county council bus service Advisory Board meets in public.

Cornwall council bus service Advisory Board meets in public.

Bournemouth Poole and Christchurch with Dorset council meeting are in public.

Bus service improvement plan money is being used with route adjustment to keep the secondary bus Network running in those counties.

Bristol city council Banes and South Gloucestershire council with North Somerset council need to discuss this issue with the Department for Transport Stephen Fiddler head of local transport.

Richard Holden MP buses minister and secretary of state for Transport Mark Harper MP about using some of the bus service improvements plan money.

Like the rest of the South west.

On improvement to the secondary bus Network.

Many communities in Greater Bristol are left without bus services.

There are no bus service across South Bristol st Annes Park, Brislington, Knowle Filwood, Hengrove, Hartcliffe. and in North east Bristol.

In oldbury court Fishponds.

St Paul's, St werburghs part of Eastville have lost their bus services.

West of England mayoral combined transport Authority should be using some the bus service improvements plan money to serve the very poor communities in Bristol.

We ask Bristol city council to raise the Bus service improvement plan money spend issue with the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority and North Somerset council

But with the mps and the secretary of state for Transport Mark Harper mp

And Richard Holden mp to request that the Department for transport allow the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority and North Somerset council to use bus service improvements plan money on the secondary bus services Network.

We are cutting off so many communities off from Public transport in the Greater Bristol and Bath city region.

It is also note again no equalities impact assessments have been Carried out on these bus service cuts. Some people including Disabled people are over 30 - 45 minutes walk from bus services.

The Transport levy issue needs fully addressing until the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority with North Somerset council as a full member.

Mayor Dan Norris need precepting powers for bus railway, ferry, coaches and mass transit system.

We need to transfer Bristol city council.

Transport staff to the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority.

Urgently.

So we have public transport planners and bus infrastructure officials at the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority.

we must open Democrat public meetings at the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority and North Somerset council about the public transport Network.

Please remember only Brislington Keynsham Totterdown Severn Beach and Avonmouth have Demand responsive bus services.

So funding our secondary and orbital bus services as per are bus service improvement plan is very important.

We need urgently passenger Transport forum for passengers in Bristol.

Mass transit system is needed in Greater Bristol and Bath.

We also need to see progress on the Henbury loop line station at Henbury planning permission.

We welcome the Report on Portway Parkway station in Bristol.

But wish to the transport hub at Portway parkway used for bus service from shirehampton to Westbury on Trym Southmead hospital bus station uwe bus station and Bristol parkway station.

The service also 10 From Avonmouth Lawrence Weston, Westbury on Trym Southmead hospital bus and coach station, Uwe bus and coach station and Bristol parkway station Bradley stoke Aztec west Hortham Alverston Thornbury.

And service 3 4 call to Avonmouth Severnside Lawrence Weston and cribbs causeway bus station.

On The city region transport plan.

We are concerned on delivery delays on stockwood / whitchurch Hengrove knowle Bristol Temple meads station Broadmead shopping centre city centre park street, Clifton Down station Henleaze Southmead/ Westbury on Tyrm corridor.

A4 Bristol bus and coach station to Arnos vale Bristlington, keynsham Saltford ,Newbridge, Weston Bath spa bus and coach station corridor.

Bristol bus and coach station Bristol Temple meads station Hengrove knowle whitchurch Pensford Clutton Farrington Gurney Paulton,Midsomer Norton Westfield, Radstock ,peasedown st john and Bath spa, bus and coach station.

Which is a mass transit corridor. As well.

These city region mass transit corridor and bus corridor need delivery dates and staff transferred to the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority.

To deliver these projects including having bus shelters and interchanges facilities built with maintenance budgets.

David Redgewell South west transport Network Railfuture Severnside.

Gordon Richardson Bristol disability equalities forum.

Robby Bentley Gloucestershire catch the bus campaign and Somerset catch the bus campaign.

Statement 2: Cllr Geoff Gollop

I wish to raise concerns about Bristol Waste and its Business Plan.

Last month OSMB members were told the business plan had been delayed. This seemed unusual given the timetable for business plans had been clearly established and agreed, but we were told the plan would now be brought to an additional OSMB meeting on 27th February.

On 10th February Companies House posted a notice that the interim Managing Director had ceased to be a director on 12th January,

I wish to put on record my concern. This is the 3rd managing director to depart. If the departure is the reason for the delay in the business plan, it seems remarkable that no one thought to inform members of this change. It should have been obvious that the termination would have been published by Companies House, so there is no sensible explanation for members not having been told of these changes.

Had we been briefed in confidence we would have been aware of the situation. As it is members can only be suspicious of why all information appears to be concealed.

In previous years, we have at least known that the MD of each company has led the business plan process. This year we have no idea who if anybody is leading Bristol Waste. Members should not have to ask for such information and the failure to face up to this is concerning and shows serious failings in governance and accountability on the part of the City Council.

It would be helpful to be reassured that the Plan will still be available by 20th February and to be advised who will be acting as managing director.

I understand 2 members of OSM are fully aware of all the details and are unable to comment as a result of their involvement, but I urge them both to encourage an honest and open response to my concerns from the Council.