

**Statement: CS08.01**

**Cabinet – 15 MAY 2023**

**Re: Agenda item - 2022/23 Provisional Finance Outturn Report**

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In the the report their reference to the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority levy With a revised budget of £10 266 £ 10 235 with an increase in the budget Of 31 .

But with a very large number of the poorest working Glass communities in Bristol left without public transport and bus services in oidbury court parts of Fishponds, Broomhill, Stapleton , Bristlington, knowle, whitchurch estate Ashton vale Easton, Eastville, st Phillips Dings .And not able to spend bus service improvement plan money on westlink Demand responsive bus services in theses areas of bus service improvement finding on bus service s .

The transport levy has been set to low to fund the public Network.  
An issue now being reviewed by Banes council and south Gloucestershire council working with North Somerset council after the council elections.

The transport levy need to be addressed as the metro mayor Dan Norris has no precepting powers at the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority .

On saving the place directorate savings

In Growth and regeneration make no reference to savings that can be made

To transfer of staff to the west of England mayoral combined Transport Authority.

Public transport stakeholder are struggling to understand why Bristol city council has a public transport unit .

Carry a duplicate role to the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority staff .

With a bus and coach passengers information on bus stops interchanges or Railway station for 6 weeks this the city region in this situation in England.

As Bristol city council is not a public transport Authority under the 2017 transport act and powers have no been transferred to provide bus services

Rail services Public transport infrastructure strategic highways network.

Bus services.

Mass transit.

Railway services.

Railway station improvement.

Interchanges facilities bus and coach stations .

Ferry services.

All these! functions are with the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority and North Somerset council jointy on many functions.

Region planning is also a function of the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority.

We wish to see the city and county of Bristol council make the savings in the Growth and Regeneration budget by the transferring of staff to the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority to carry out the region public transport Network functions.

The use of consultants to deliver public transport Network services is of concern to passengers groups and stakeholders and is not delivering for passengers.

Or Taxpayers.

And has resulted in the west of England mayoral combined Authority being looked at by the Department for leveling up minister lee Rowley mp and mark HARPER mp at the Department for transport .

The city council can make cost and efficiency saving by removing the duplication of public transport Network services between the the labour metro mayor Dan Norris controlled west of England mayoral combined transport Authority and the labour controlled City and county of Bristol cabinet and city mayor malvin Rees.

All the public transport Network groups would as the city council to make the saving in the Growth and regeneration Department and transfer the staff to the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority.

But not just to make saving by the provide efficiency saving by bring all the Transport staff under the control of the Region Transport Authority.

In the same way as the liverpool city region mayor Steve Rotherham.

West of midlands combined Authority

Andy street.

Andy Burnham Greater Manchester combined transport Authority.

We ask the cabinet to review and the saving and spending in the place Directorate and to work to transfer key Transport and all public transport staff to the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority and to negotiate the transfer with the unions and the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority.

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