

STATEMENT PS 01

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Title: Statement on Proposed Budget

Bus services and Public Transport infrastructure are essential to a modern city Region to get people to school College university, work ,Heath facilities Hospitals shopping and essential Food shopping trips, leisure facilities and the Tourist economy,

We have City Region bus service improvement plan for the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority and North Somerset council area of £ 105 million pounds

But the money is allocated to main line

bus routes only which work well on

Main road corridors in Bristol city Region

But the supported not the support bus services network where community are cut off and isolated and have to use Taxis services with limited resources,

In this situation the Transport Authority

Left working class communities to between heating eating and taxis

For essential Food shopping trips or heath care hospital schools

It's unacceptable for this situation to have developed in Bristol city council area and the wider city Region.

In this cost of living crisis

It is essential that all councillors

Green Party, Labour, Conservative independents and Liberal Democrats support bus services.

We support the extra Money going into bus service improvements from the clean air zone,

And Liberal Democrats Councillors

Proposal to improve bus services at the last full council meeting on 20th February 2024

We are very concerned about the Transport levy to the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority and North Somerset council.

To pay for public transport services

And bus services under the joint power under the west of England mayoral combined Authority Act with Bristol city council city and county of Bristol,

South Gloucestershire county council Banes council and North Somerset council because of joint transport Authority powers on bus services improvement plan and metro west Railway Network

The powers in including all public transport Railway services, buses, coaches and ferry services.

Sustainable transport Networks.

As the Bristol city Region has had major bus service cuts ,

The only other city Region with this leave of cuts is the city of stoke on Trent

And many estates in the city Region are unable to access schools college's universities work Food shopping, shopping centres heath care hospital and leisure facilities.

And not even a west link Demand responsive bus services alternative facilities

Especially Ashton vale estate, Stapleton Broomhill Fishponds Oldbury court Downend Bromley Heath,

This includes the vassal centre the Regional centre for Disabled people and conferences facilities has no public bus service,

The Dings parts of Brislington and St Anne's park, Westbury on Trym links to uwe bus station, Bristol parkway station Bradley stoke Aztec west Hortham Alverston Thornbury, Evening services, Sunday services.

We would like a proper negotiation over the Transport levy between Bristol city council South Gloucestershire county council, Banes and North Somerset council Over the level of Transport levy Required to run the public transport Network, Scrutiny commission discuss and joint committee and west of England mayoral combined Authority committee and joint committee oversight.

We also welcome the transferring the

The clean air zone money to the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority for spending on public transport including Bus services and railway ferry service walking and cycling facilities.

But with priority toward bus services to excluded communities.

With the bus service improvement plan having to be Resubmitted to the Department for Transport by 12th June 2024 for the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority and North Somerset council,

With a new submission including details of the supported services next and community's without bus services and access to school, College university heath provision hospital basic food shopping trips and leisure facilities,

Community facilities safety partnership

Working with the police on safety at interchanges ,bus and coach stations

Bus stops and shelters railway interchange,

Access for disabled passengers and people with reduced mobility to the bus and coach network

Castle kerbs ,Drop Kerbs,

In Greater Bristol as a priority such as 505 Bristol Southmead hospital bus station, Horfield, Downs ,Clifton village Hotwells ,Ashton Gate Long Ashton park and ride site 505 To Ashton vale.

Service 23 ,24 Ashton vale estate, Southville Bedminster Bristol city centre, Bristol cabot circus Service should start by Transpora buses and First group plc Wales and West buses Division on the 8th April 2024,

With a limited service,

In the morning,

The 36 / 5 Bristol city centre Barton hill st Anne's park needs to extend to Bristlington, Hengrove knowle Hengrove hospital imperial park Hartcliffe,

The 5 is due to start at Clifton Down

First Group plc in April 2024 p

Services 1 1a from Cribbs causeway bus and coach station, Westbury on Trym, Clifton Down station Bristol city centre, Broadmead shopping centre Bristol Temple meads station Arnos vale Bristlington sandy park road St Anne's park, Guilford Road, Bristlington Hungerford road Bristlington.

1a 1 b splitting at sandy park road.

Services 5 25 restore Between Bristol city centre, st Paul's, St werburgs Eastville park Stapleton Broomhill Fishponds Oldbury court Downend Bromley Heath,
Is a top priority this leaves
The vassal centre without a bus service to the main disabled centre and conference centre in the city Region and South west of England,
New service 47 from the 8th April 2024.
By First group plc Wales and West buses Division From Oldbury court and Fishponds to Bristol city centre,

Services 52 Bishopsworth to Bristol city centre via Hengrove restore for Chew valley services 672 .

Services 10 11 shirehampton Avonmouth to Lawrence weston Westbury on Trym Southmead hospital bus station uwe bus station Bristol Parkway railway station Aztec west roundabout, Hortham, Alverstun Thornbury
To serve the Railway station and the North Bristol employment sites and colleges,
This area has a very limited bus service
At times of day by some stagecoach
West 10 11 service Extension to
Uwe bus and coach station and Bristol Parkway station,

Other new service from the 8th April 2024

Are 77 Henleaze to Clifton Down station park street Bristol city centre Bristol Broadmead, Gloucester Road montpellier railway station approach Horfield Common,
Should loop to Southmead hospital bus station
41 kingwood to Avonmouth via Bristol city centre
St George, Lawrence hill Station, old market, Hotwells Portway shirehampton, Avonmouth,
Service 5 st Anne's park Barton hill old market Street Bond Street Bristol city centre, park street Clifton,
Service 47 Oldbury court, Fishponds Bristol city centre,
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Ashton vale estate, Southville Bedminster Bristol, old market Stapleton road station Eastville park lockleaze, South hospital bus station

Service 15 seven Beach, to cribbs causeway bus station,

Service x10 Southmead hospital bus station Cribbs causeway bus station Portishead and cleveland.

Service 90 Hartcliffe imperial park,
Knowle Bedminster, Bristol city centre,

Service night bus ,
Bristol city centre, Bedminster, knowle Stockwood, Brislington, Bristol Temple meads station Bristol city centre,

23 Ashton vale estate, Southville Bedminster Bristol city centre.
All transporta bus services.
The Dings need a bus service

Bristol Temple meads station has no west link Demand responsive bus services to it from South Bristol,
And no services west link Demand responsive bus services Do not operate
To Bishopsworth or imperial park shopping centre, Southmead hospital bus station, cribbs causeway shopping centre, Bristol Parkway station, Filton Abbey wood station, or Patchway station or Bristlington, Long Ashton, or Portway park and ride,

The Dings theses and the above areas are some of service need restored and need discussion with the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority and North Somerset council Mayor Dan Norris.

On budget its in growth and Regeneration Directorate,
The Budget needs to use some of the £ 26 million pounds clean air zone money to improve walking and cycling and especially bus service improvement to
Other alternative to the private car Entering Bristol city centre.
The clean air has reduced emissions by 9% In city centre and save lives from early deaths due to respiratory illness Asthma attacks from poor air quality.
But we must offer alternative to the private car,

The council cabinet and mayor Malvin Rees took decision to transfer the staff to the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority.

To carry out public transport Network function and Transportation function of the combined Authority.

Bristol city council being now only a Port Authority and Highway Authority

We do not understand why the bus shelters and infrastructure have not been transferred to the combined Authority

With Banes ,south Gloucestershire county council and joint with North Somerset council
At present the service is confusing to the travelling public that bus and coach shelter are the responsibility of the Highway Authority but timetable real-time information is the responsibility on the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority

So theses function in all other combined Authority's control of bus and coach station interchange,
Bus and coach stops and shelters are with them mayor of the Greater Manchester combined Authority, mayor Andy Burnham Liverpool City Region mayor Steve Rotherham, mayor Andy street west Midlands combined Authority.

West Yorkshire combined transport Authority,

South Yorkshire combined transport Authority,

Mayor Rees and cabinet decision to transfer the service but the Transport Trade unison then refused to agree the transfer.

We need to make progress as Bristol city council, South Gloucestershire county council and Bath and North East Somerset council are not transport Authority's.

We need to make progress on transferring staff and duties under the west of England mayoral combined Authority act .

The bus interchange and shelters are in poor maintenance condition with graffiti tagging and public lighting not working and need the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority and North Somerset council Transport Authority to take full control of the shelter network.

Including investment in coach shelter for Flixbus in Bond Street,

Welcome to the west country and the city Region by coach

Bristol city council West of England mayoral combined transport Authority and North Somerset council and, western Gateway Transport Board.

Need to improve coach passengers facilities in the city centre,

We do not see investment in this service in this year's budget on bus and coaches shelters or revenue reinstatement,

Or Tourism services and Tourist Tax proposal like Greater Manchester combined Authority area Mayor Andy Burnham,

On revenue we agree to bring in car parking charges on charges in Town centre car parks this has not happened in Westbury on Trym Bristlington village, sandy park road and progress should be made to generate income for the city council to maintain the car parks 48 % of people have no access to a private car so the revenue passport to the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority will help provide bus service across the city Region and the poorest communities without bus services Ashton vale, Bristlington part of St Anne's, Easton, the Dings Stapleton, Broomhill, Fishponds Oldbury court Downend Bromley,

Bishopsworth, Hengrove hospital, Bedminster city centre Broadmead.

Southmead hospital bus station to uwe bus station, Bristol parkway station Filton shopping centre, Bradley stoke, Aztec west Hortham Alverston Thornbury.

Service to shops and universities work and colleges.

Money can also be allocated to Bristol Ferry services and disabled access to Ferry landing stages in the Harbour

And an access ferry,

Joint with the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority and new route to the Netham and St Anne's,

Railway station improvement on Metro west Railway Network for Train services From Taunton, Bridgwater Highbridge and Burnham on sea station Weston-super-Mare weston million worle parkway, Yatton for clevedon Nalisea and Backwell Parson street Bedminster Bristol Temple meads station Bristol Lawrence hill Bristol Stapleton Road, Montpellier, Redland Clifton Down station, sea Mills Shirehampton, Portway park and ride, Avonmouth Dock, St Andrews Road, Severn Beach Bristol Temple meads station Bedminster parson Street Ashton Gate new station Pill and Portishead.

Bristol Temple meads station, Bristol Lawrence hill, Bristol Stapleton road, Ashley Down station, Filton Abbey wood station Filton North and Henbury.

Or Bristol Temple meads station St Anne's park new station, keynsham saltford new station, Bath spa ,Freshford Avonclife Bradford on Avon Trowbridge Westbury Dilton marsh warminster Salisbury/ Frome

Bristol Temple meads station, Bristol Lawrence hill, Bristol Stapleton road Ashley Down, new station, Filton Abbey wood station Bristol parkway railway station yate ,Charfield, new station cam and Dursley stonehouse Bristol Road new station

Gloucester central, Cheltenham spa Ashchurch for Tewkesbury Worcester Shrub Hill and Worcester Forgate Street

But station city Region station have very limited it not access for passengers travelling with reduced mobility and partly sighted passengers,

At Nalisea and Backwell,

No access to weston super mare platform, Parson street station,

Both station need lifts

Bedminster part access,
Bristol Lawrence hill just the Platform to seven Beach via station to Avonmouth via Clifton Down,
Bristol Stapleton Road and Bristol Lawrence hill Need lifts

I would have been good to see Bristol city council working with the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority mayor Dan Norris.

To allocate some funds to make theses

City railway station fully accessible

As a priority,

We spend £35 million on the Train service revenue support,

But with none accessible stations

And trains that can not put wheelchair accessible carriage into stations

On the metro west railway Network,

Bedminster, Yate, Cam and Dursley and Ashchurch for Tewkesbury stations,

We also need to see investment in Public toilets at Park and ride site

Including Disabled toilets facilities improvement at Bristlington, long Ashton Portway park and ride site terminal building,

Public toilets and changing places investment in the city centre and Broadmead and public transport Network interchanges

David Redgewell South west transport Network and Bristol disability equalities forum Trustees

Gordon Richardson Bristol disability equalities forum .

As a lot of the staff duplicate west of England mayoral combined transport Authority officers this not best value for the Taxpayer and need to look at as part of budget process.

On the planning service its financial unsustainable to pay item manager and Directors to run the service and council must look recruitment of planner and officers the same rates as Bath and North East Somerset council ,North Somerset council and South Gloucestershire county council.

On one of biggest costs to the Taxpayer is the level of interim Directors and consultants running services public services in the including public transport services to the poorest communities in society should be run by local authorities officers employed by the west of England mayoral combined Authority Local Enterprise partnership and North Somerset council and western Gateway Transport Board all of which run from the west of England combined Authority headquarters in Bristol.

We also need to work with the Bristol waste company on removal of graffiti from Buildings and especially Public transport Network infrastructure.

Welcome investment in local railway station with the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority on metro west Railway Network

Bristol Temple meads station To Ashton Gate , pill and Portishead.

Bristol Temple meads station To Lawrence Hill Station ,Bristol Stapleton road,Ashley Down, Filton Abbey wood Filton North, Henbury for cribs causeway on the Bristol Temple meads station Filton Abbey wood station Bristol parkway station, Yate, Charfield cam and the Dursley Gloucester central Cheltenham spa Ashchurch for Tewkesbury Worcester Shrub Hill and Worcester Forge Street..

With a new station at Charfield.

Progress with the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority and North Somerset council on a mass transit light rail system for the Greater Bristol and Bath Region.

Walk and cycling

Investment in city Harbour and New cuts Bridges.

Work to make ferry's and ferry services full accessible.

Improvement for passengers waiting for coach services and Bond Street shelter ect and Tourist coaches.

On income generation as Bristol and Bath are major Tourist destinations and part of the Tourist economy.

We would welcome the bring in of a Tourist Tax like Greater Manchester combined Authority and the city of Manchester.

Especially to fund service in the city Region including public transport Network service public realm, And the Arts and the Environment Bristol should look at

It's is very important money is spent for the public transport Network in the city

Poorest communities and estates through the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority mayor Dan Norris or Director jointly with South Gloucestershire county council Banes or North Somerset council on bus services improvement in Bristol poorest communities,

We also want to see the built Environment and public transport Network

And investment in Public toilets at public transport Network interchange at Bristol, Long Ashton park and ride, Bristlington park and ride, and port way park and ride bus and Rail interchange site,

We ask the council to set a budget to improve people lives and access to essential public transport and restore urgently the city Region bus network,

To poorest communities in Bristol,

Working with the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority and North Somerset council responsible for Public transport services, First Group plc Wales and West buses Division, stagecoach west buses, big lemon buses, Transpora buses and Abus and other small operators