

## **Save Our 6-7 Buses Statement - Cabinet Meeting Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2012**

It has been almost 2 years since the bus service in north east Bath was first cut. In response to public demand, one of the first acts of the current council was to find contingency funds to partly reinstate the service. Contingency funding is providing an additional bus, creating a 30 minute frequency which has been deeply appreciated by the thousands of bus users in our area. This contingency funding was limited to the year October 2011 to October 2012.

But we are concerned that unless the funding for our service is incorporated into the standard transportation budget, it will be vulnerable to further cuts.

1. Our urgent and primary concern tonight is to hear the Cabinet confirm that future funding for our 30 minute service is assured.
2. In addition, we ask that the Save Our 6-7 Buses campaign team is consulted in good time when changes to fares, frequency or routes are proposed by bus companies for our area
3. We remind the councillors of two things: that there has been a commitment to providing low-floor buses, which seems not to be being applied to additional buses
4. We are awaiting a date for the second Public Transport Liaison Group meeting where current feedback can be given between users and providers of transport.

But first and foremost, please respond to our need for continuity of funding for our 30 minute bus service.

Thank you.

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