

**STATEMENT – Re: Frome / Radstock Branch
11/02/2013**

At the last Cabinet meeting there was broad agreement that re-opening the branch would be a “good thing” and that the door is “not locked”. Unfortunately, the feasibility report by Halcrow contained many errors and omissions which I have mentioned previously. A copy of that document is also available.

It appears possible that the Radstock branch will be part of the Greater Bristol Metro development by the end of this decade: so because of the planning and integration timescales involved, it is imperative that a better study is conducted soon.

It is estimated that a re-work of the Feasibility Study would cost about £10,000 so currently we are looking for that amount to be allocated in the current budget. We anticipate delivery of the project to be towards the end of the Greater Bristol Metro, Phase 2, perhaps 2019.

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