

SWTN, Railfuture and Bus Users UK wish to make the following points :-

We are very concerned over the loss of bus services if the Councils in the proposed combined authority cut bus services especially in East Bristol, Bath and Keynsham where routes under threat could include service 16 UWE - Hanham, 18A Emersons Green - Shirehampton via Bristol Parkway, 17 Keynsham - Southmead Hospital , 19/10A Bath - Cribbs Causeway, 36 South Bristol, 37 Bristol - Bath. Many of these routes are evening and Sunday services.

500 group services in Bristol (including 505, 506, 508, 512, 513, 514, 515 and rural buses in BANES re: service 267 and into South Gloucestershire (services 16 and 77 to UWE and Thornbury.

We would urge the cabinet and council not to cut services or local rail investment at a time when we are trying to build MetroBus and Metrorail. We are pleased to see new entries into the market in the form of Stagecoach Group.

We hope the council will look at bus, rail and ferry integration with Smart ticketing and transport hubs and will note the comments below:-

1) the Buses Bill and the Combined Authorities powers over the 1985 Act to support bus services and cross boundary issues with North Somerset Council which would require a permit system if the buses were franchised or special regulations for advanced quality partnerships.

2) with Rail powers we need to include over the Portishead line and Henbury loop and existing station improvements on the current rail network to Bristol, Bath and Weston-Super-Mare including access to the disabled schemes and DIA's through a memorandum of understanding with ORR and Network Rail.

3) Cross boundary rail services with Somerset, Gloucestershire and Wiltshire.

4) Budget transfer supported bus budgets from Bristol City Council, BANES and South Gloucestershire Council and the combined authorities powers over bus services let by Bristol City Council on the 7th March 2017.

5) maintenance of bus shelters and bus stations.

Thanks

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