

David Redgewell statement

Cross boundary bus cuts

We are very concerned about proposals to cut public bus services and would welcome the Council retaining supported bus services such as those between Radstock - Frome, Bath - Frome, Cheddar - Street, Shepton Mallet and Frome, Wells - Burnham -On - Sea, Minehead town service/Porlock, Shepton Mallet - Castle Cary station - Yeovil, Castle Cary station - Wincanton - Street.

Over the last two years Somerset CC with BANES and the parish councils have saved many bus routes an example we have given to the Government on rural buses and in fact will be giving to the Transport Select Committee on 22nd September 2018 submissions.

We hope that Somerset CC does not cut bus services or close Taunton Park & Ride which serves Musgrove Park hospital at a time when we are also trying to reopen the Taunton - Bishops Lydeard rail link from Minehead in 2018.

We urge council to lobby Central Government for public transport support and work with the new RTB's (Peninsular and Gateway) for more bus/local rail public transport funding.

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