

Statement from Councillor Tim Ball to cabinet 31st October 2018

School transport.

It is ironic isn't it that all the warnings that were given about School transport and closing schools and the knock on affect that this would have were either deliberately or through total incompetence not recognised by this administration.

Many parents are at wits end trying to ensure that their children get to school and back safely.

I gave more than one warning about not tinkering with the 20 bus service that ran though Twerton to the university but what happened it was removed and a u2 Bus was put on in its place that through the last few months has failed to get the children safely to School and back in good time.

It is understood that a good bus service is needed to get students to university and back but not at the expense and safety of the young children that this council is responsible for.

It is not acceptable for children as young as 11 are left at a bus stop for hours on end and not arriving at school till sometimes 11am and then buses leaving them behind in the evenings when going home.

Children travelling to Bath Studio School and Ralph Allen have suffered under this administration and many parents have started to rely on local taxi providers as the buses can't be relied upon.

It is noted that in the last two weeks buses have started to run more regularly, but again the knock on affects are that there are now Bus wars at the junctions of Wedgwood Road and Kelston View in Twerton where the u2 and the 5 meet.

Children also crossing the city to St Marks are now being caught up in road works madness.

The failure of the Bath Studio School can be related in some way to the appalling public transport system that this council administration has created through its own incompetence.

My message to this cabinet is time to go back to School and learn all over again as your current ability is questionable on how public transport should be run.

Marks out of 10 for this is 4 for effort and 2 for deliverability.