

BANES Cabinet Meeting – 5 March 2019

Air Quality – we are very concerned over the proposals to charge Buses, taxis and HGV's as part of an air quality zone. We note that public transport is being charged but it is part of the solution to improving air quality. We welcome the grants that have been discussed but want to ensure that they are available to all operators. We would like to know what has been done for smaller operators such as A Bus, Faresaver and Arlene's who might not be able to afford large investment. We also want to understand what has been agreed with Stagecoach who have a large fleet serving the region.

We also want to make sure that Taxis have been consulted and offered help to meet the new standards especially for accessible taxis.

With more air quality standards being introduced we call upon WECA and the Metro Mayor to take a lead and work with BANES and the other two councils to set a standard across the region with appropriate grants and schemes to ensure that public transport and the users, passengers, residents in the area are not disadvantaged.

David Redgewell. 1st March 2019