

David Redgewell statement – Council 23rd February 2021

*As all bus services have now been transferred from the city and county of Bristol, Bath and North east Somerset and south Gloucestershire Council to the Metro Mayor and the West of England Combined Authority is now the transport authority. But has no tax raising powers and their socially supported bus service budget needs to be passported from Banes council budget.*

*This is for bus services such as Keynsham Town services Bristol to Chew Valley bus service 672. Whitchurch to Keynsham service. 636*

*Bath spa bus and coach station to Peasedown St John, Radstock, Midsomer Norton, Paulton and Farmborough services for Evening and Sunday services.*

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*D1 - Bath spa bus and coach station Bathampton, Winsley, Bradford on Avon, Trowbridge, Westbury, Warminster and Salisbury.*

*Some journeys funded jointly with Wiltshire council.*

*94 Bath spa bus and coach station city centre Freshford Westwood Wingfield and Trowbridge Town centre.*

*Funded jointly with Wiltshire.*

*D2 Bath spa bus and station to Frome via Milford, Norton St Phillips, Rode, Beckington and Frome.*

*Funded with local council s and Somerset County council.*

*Bath spa bus and coach station to wick yate bus station, Chipping Sodbury, Tetbury and Stroud bus station.*

*Midsomer Norton to Frome 414 424*

*Midsomer Norton Town service.*

*18 Bath spa bus station to Saltford, Keynsham, Willsbridge, Oldland Common North common, Warmley, Kingswood Hillfields, Staple hill, Downend, UWE Bristol bus station.*

*19 Bath spa bus and coach station Weston RuH, back entrance Kelson Bitton ,oidland common, Cadbury heath Warmley, Kingswood, Hillfields, staple hill Downend, UWE ,Bristol parkway station Patchway and Cribbs causeway bus station*

179 Bath spa bus and coach station Timsbury, Midsomer Norton.

*And some Bath city service it is very important that we maintain these bus service's are funded by Banes so WECA mayoral transport Authority can operate this network.*

*The rest of the network is funded in the Bath and Bristol city region and North Somerset council by covid 19 bus operators grants running at £27.5 million pounds a week.*

*There will need to be a recovery plan between the Department for Transport and WECA mayoral transport authority and North Somerset council to maintain bus service on covid 19 recovery this year.*

*It is very important that North Somerset council joins WECA Mayoral combined authority as soon possible after the May elections.*

*Public transport network improvements are important with walking and cycling to add climate change and to reduce car use with the new clean air zone.*

*The real issue in Bath is to many people make short journeys by the private car*

*Rather than walking and cycling and using public transport.*

*First group is refurbishing its bus fleet with the city and has brought in modern new buses on Bristol Salford Keynsham Bristol x39 39 service.*

*There is a split where all bus infrastructure bus shelters stops and interchange need to be transferred to the Director of Transport and infrastructure at the west of England combined authority. Peter Mann public transport team.*

*But needs a maintenance budget in Banes for Bus shelters clean castle kerbs maintenance especially in rural areas' stops.*

*Bus priority measures on key corridor in to Bath especially on the Chippenham, Corsham, Batheaston, Lambridge corridor.*

*Money upgrading street scape and more castle kerbs at Bus stops and drop kerbs and continuous pavements.*

*The lack of progress on setting up a railway executive at WECA mayoral Transport authority is very important.*

*Like the west Midlands and Greater Manchester.*

*This executive will improve railway service investment and develop a light rail system for Bristol and Bath city region without using consultants.*

*We welcome the new train service by Metro west starting December 2021 from Severn Beach, St Andrew road, Avonmouth, Portway Parkway new station, open December 2021 Shirehampton, sea mills, Clifton down station, Redland, Montpellier, Stapleton road, Lawrence hill, Bristol Temple meads, Keynsham, Oldfield park, Bath spa, Freshford, Avoncliffe, Bradford on Avon, Trowbridge, Westbury, Frome or Warminster. With half hourly train service. Will require extra train units and subsidies.*

*This should be shown in WECA mayoral transport authority budget.*

*We need stations at St Anne's park station, Saltford railway reopening fund*

*Need support for Jacob Rees Mogg MP and Corsham, Wiltshire Council and the MP for Chippenham are putting this bid forward to WECA mayoral transport authority and Banes need to discuss this issue with Wiltshire Council, Corsham Town council and the MP.*

*All will help congestion in Bath city centre.*

*On public transport interchange facilities Bath spa is a good bus Coach rail interchange. Which is in need of modernisation with new waiting facilities seats and travel centre which we believe should be funded to redesign the travel centre with Tourist information centres for visit west.*

*Bath needs a budget for a new tourist information centre and combined travel centre facilities have been developed across Cornwall the shared facilities in Penzance and st Austell bus coach and rail interchanges.*

*Tourism is very important in Bath and North east Somerset and the Bristol Bath city region.*

*We also need a budget for maintenance and provide of Public toilets. Including disabled facilities. The lack of modern changing places for Disabled people in the city centre or at Bath spa bus coach or railway interchange.*

*Changing please are at Cribbs Causeway bus station shopping centre and Dursey may lane bus station.*

*But no investment in improving these facilities except at Keynsham hub library.*

*The mass transit system study between Bathford, Batheaston, Bath, Saltford Keynsham, Brislington, Bristol Temple meads and the city centre is very important.*

*But also rapid Transit system needs improvement to the Bath bus coach and railway stations, Peasedown St John Radstock, Midsomer Norton Paulton and Shepton Mallett.*

*Coach station facilities also need improvements in Bath city centre to replace Avon street coach station.*

*We welcome the Bath Transport study and plan but of course this will need, like the Bristol Transport study, to fit into the new joint local Transport plan from the WECA mayoral transport authority and North Somerset council.*

*And should look at electric buses gas bus rapid transit for the city region, and also electrification of the Railway from Chippenham through Bath spa to Keynsham, Bristol Temple meads and Bristol parkway and Patchway*

*We welcome the brownfield land approach to the local plan refresh in Bath and Keynsham but this will also need to improve active travel and public transport.*

*Their will need to improve public transport in the corridor Between Bath spa bus and coach station Peasedown St John, Radstock, Midsomer Norton and Paulton where further economic growth is required*

*And the A37 corridor Between Bristol city centre and Whitchurch.*

*With a park and ride site at Whitchurch.*

*Please bring our statement to the cabinet meetings and full council meeting of Bath and North East Somerset council.*

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