

Statement on Transport and planning – David Redgewell – Cabinet 10th November 2021

Whilst we welcome the sustainable transport chapter connectivity and the role of the west of England mayoral combined authority and North Somerset council.

We are very very concerned about the lack of west of England mayoral combined authority and North Somerset council joint committees meeting in the Diary for November and December 2021

The secretary of state for transport Grant Shapps has made it clear along with Michael Gove the secretary of state for the Nations and Regions for the United Kingdom.

In the Transport settlements for for the city regions that region with out accountable metro mayors to receive large sum of money

The North east combined Authority had no major transport settlements.

The North of the Tyne and wear mayor has does not cover south of the Tyne i.e. the city of Newcastle upon Tyne and Durham .

The secretary of state made no large transport settlement.

So it is very important that we get the Regional planning and transport authority holding joint committees meeting and scrutiny commission meeting and Audit commission meetings functioning happening.

That we carry out a governance review

Of the west of England mayoral combined authority and North Somerset council.

Transfer staff to set up an Intergrated transport authority with a Railway executive similar to liverpool city region mayor Steve Rotherham ,west Midlands mayor Andy Street's and Greater Manchester mayor Andy Burnham.

At present west of England mayoral combined authority mayor Dan Norris. Is like Greater Manchester with Salford and stockport councils .

without North Somerset council as a full member of the Greater Bristol and Bath city region.

We mayor Dan Norris to move forward of the city region bus ,coach ,rail ferry light rail services.along with the development of a light rail system.

We also need to make the western gateway transport board and partnership on the west county side of the Bristol channel have the same boundaries with Bournemouth Poole and Christchurch Dorset and Swindon being members of Both the new unity Somerset council being a member.

To get Government funding we need strong regional government that the city and county of Bristol is a strong member.

Of concern also is south Gloucestershire council widening of capacity with Roundabout on the Bristol ring road with no Bus lanes or cycling and walking improvements and a new roundabout junction at Hick gate Banes . On the Bristol bus and coach station Temple meads station Arnos vale Brislington,Keynsham,Brislington, saltford Newbridge Weston and Bath spa bus and coach station.

It would be unacceptable to try to Build a Brislington bypass up the North Somerset Railway line. As part of a bus service improvements plan.

The North Somerset Railway corridor could be used as a public transport corridor and for walking and cycling.

Between st Phillips causeway and Callington road. a future light rail corridor. Or bus lane.

We are also very very concerned about a petition durring cop 26 climate change emergency to remove bus lanes in the Henbury cribs causeway area on the showcase red Route A37 Whitchurch Banes ,Hengrove ,Knowle ,Totterdown Bristol Temple meads station Bristol bus and coach station, Broadmead park street closure to through traffic.

Leaving local access for residents and shopping Clifton down station Westbury on trym,Henbury,cribs causeway bus station.

With access to Henbury station anda park and ride site .

This is a key bus corridor for first group west of England bus service no 1 2 and 3 .

I hope the metro mayor Dan Norris and Bristol city council mayor Malvin rees and Banes and south Gloucestershire council will carry out full public consultation with residents and bus and coach passengers about any local councillor plans to remove bus lanes by a petition in Greater Bristol during cop 26 .

Boris Johnson the prime minister who loves buses has turned green buses are top of bus back better the National bus strategy. and the west of England mayoral combined authority and North Somerset council bus service improvements plan.