

Statement for Banes full Council 24 March 2022 and Banes Cabinet meeting 31 March 2022.

Public transport services in the West of England Mayoral Combined Transport Authority and North Somerset council bus service improvements plan - with bus service cuts across the west of mayoral transport Authority and North Somerset. We are very very concerned about the level of service and frequencies that first group west of England buses are going to operate across the city region and into rural areas of Somerset, Wiltshire and Gloucestershire from 24 April 2022. D 2 Bath Spa bus and coach station to Midford, Norton St Phillips, Rode, Beckington and Frome reductions on Saturdays.

Reductions in services 1 Bath city centre to Southdown.
services 3 services reductions.
and 3a services withdrawn.
services change on route 39 x39 with services starting from Newton St Loe in the morning.
Changes to the Bath Spa bus and coach station to Weston, Kelston, Bitton, Oldland Common, Cadbury Heath, Warmley, Kingswood, Hillfields, Staple hill, Downend, Bromley Heath Uwe bus station, Bristol Parkway, Patchway and Cribbs Causeway bus and coach station.

Services changes - early mornings journeys.
Services 92 Bristol city centre to Whitchurch estate which the West of England Mayoral Combined Transport Authority has put out to tender between Knowle and Whitchurch.
Services Weston super mare to the chew valley which West of England Mayoral Combined Transport Authority and North Somerset council have put out to Tender along with the Weston super Mare to Chew Valley bus service.

One of the main problems out of Bath Spa bus and coach station is the link to Employment in North Bristol fringe and to the Towns in south Gloucestershire of Thornbury, Yate and Chipping Sodbury.
with only the Stagecoach West 620, 69 services Bath Spa bus and coach station to Lansdown, Wick, Pucklechurch, Yate bus station, Chipping Sodbury Tetbury and Stroud bus and coach station every 2 hours.
By using services 19 Bath Spa bus and coach station to Downend, connections could be made to Yate on the Y2 Bristol bus and coach station to Eastville, Fishponds, Downend, Bromley heath Coalpit Heath, Yate and Chipping Sodbury, and the 19 connections at Patchway for Aztec west and Thornbury.

People from Bath use bus for Employment in the Yate and Thornbury areas so the West of England Mayoral Combined Transport Authority needs to put out emergency tenders for these services.
The only alternative being the first group Great western railway service from Bath Spa, Oldfield Park, Keynsham, Bristol Temple meads, Filton Abbey wood, Bristol Parkway and Yate.
Some trains on this route are being withdrawn in May.

Services in Greater Bristol are also being reduced on the Network and especially services number 2 2a on the Stockwood to Cribbs Causeway bus corridor, one of the city region investment corridors.

There is a problem that we will invest in the city region transport corridors. Bath Spa bus and coach station, Peasedown St John, Radstock, Westfield, Midsomer Norton, Paulton Chilcompton, Shepton Mallet and Wells bus and coach station - and Street, Glastonbury, Wells bus station, Farrington Gurney, Clutton, Pensford, Whitchurch, Hengrove, Knowle, Bristol Temple Meads station and Bristol bus station but with very reduced bus services especially in the evenings and Sundays.

If services are being reduced now with a £150 million-pound covid 19 bus service recovery grant then in October the situation will get worse. Without further government funding from the Department for transport to the West of England Mayoral Combined Authority and North Somerset council - under the levelling up white paper on Mayoral Combined Authorities, North Somerset council needs to join the West of England Mayoral Combined Authority as the mayor Dan Norris will have more powers on Planning and Transport.

The other question is whether Gloucestershire County council joins as well which has been discussed in the past. We need a governance review for the West of England Mayoral Combined Authority as the planning and Transport Authority - and all public transport Network staff transferred to the West of England Mayoral Combined Transport Authority from Banes South Gloucestershire council and Bristol city council including all bus infrastructure and interchanges and bus and coach stations.

We also need a bus service review of the South of Bristol bus Network and support bus services from Keynsham, Whitchurch, Hengrove, Knowle, Hartcliffe, Withywood, Bishopsworth, Bristol Airport looking at the support services and the Chew valley with Transport hubs at Pensford Whitchurch and Bristol Airport. And a Keynsham and Kingswood review of services including interchanges facilities at Keynsham and cherry gardens as part of the services review for support bus services.

We are very very concerned about park and ride services.

Unlike the other west country local Authorities, we are still running non-stop Park and Ride services.

Bath city centre to Odd down does not need evening and Sunday services when services buses to Peasedown St John, Radstock, Westfield, Midsomer Norton, Paulton, Shepton Mallet and Wells bus station pass the site and could operate into the site.

or the Bristol city centre to Brislington park and ride services.

where services 178 Bristol bus station Bristol Temple Meads, Arncliffe, Brislington, Keynsham, Marksbury, Timsbury, Paulton, Midsomer Norton, Westfield, Radstock.

39, x39 Bristol bus and coach station Temple meads , Arncliffe Brislington, Keynsham ,Salford Newbridge Weston and Bath and coach station could call

349 Bristol bus and coach station Bristol Temple meads Arnos vale Bristlington
Keynsham buses could call.

Park and ride services are costing a lot of public money and we should review the way the West of England Mayoral Combined Transport Authority and North Somerset council deliver park and ride service and with Banes council.

We need a marketing campaign for buses and public transport with the West of England Mayoral Combined Transport Authority and North Somerset council on buses and trains and Tourist information centre in Bath Spa bus and coach station and Bristol bus station.

On rail, we are concerned at the Department for Transport services cuts
About the loss of the Great Malvern to Brighton services which calls at Malvern links
Worcester Forget Street shrub hill,
Ashchurch for Tewkesbury, Cheltenham spa, Gloucester central, Cam and Dursley,
Yate Bristol Parkway, Filton Abbey wood, Bristol Temple Meads, Keynsham,
Oldfield park, Bath Spa, Bradford on Avon, Trowbridge, Westbury, Warminster,
Salisbury, Romsey, Southampton central Fareham, Havant, Chichester, Worthing
and Brighton.
And cross Bristol and Bath train services from May 2022.

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