

COUNCIL MEETING 13th OCTOBER 2022

STATEMENTS

Public statements (item 7)

- David Redgewell - Bus Service & Public Transport cuts (*attached*)
[Mr Redgewell did not attend the meeting.]
- Caroline Heaton - Renewable Energy
- Guy Norfolk - Renewable Energy
- Dave Andrews - Renewable Energy (*attached*)
- Charlotte Howell-Jones - Renewable Energy (*attached*)

David Redgewell statement

We are very concerned about the bus service cuts in the Greater Bristol and Bath city region from 9th October 2022.

We will see some of the deepest bus services cuts in South West England and in the country.

In Bath and North Somerset council area and south Bristol major bus links are to be lost.

178 Radstock, Westfield, Midsomer Norton, Paulton, Timbury, Marksbury, Keynsham, Brislington, Arnos vale, Bristol Temple meads station, Bristol bus and coach station.

This is major loss to the Somer valley. Left with no connection to from Somerset to Keynsham and Bristol city centre for education need get to work food shopping and leisure facilities.

Timsbury and Marksbury will be left without bus services to Keynsham, Brislington and Bristol city centre.

Services 82 Radstock Westfield MidSomer Norton Paulton Town services.

Services 20 in South Bath circle .

Services 22 Twerton to Bath university Campus .

Services 11 Bath spa bus station to Bathampton service .

Service 12 Bath spa to Haycombe cemetery.

Part replacement by services 5 Bath bus and coach station to Twerton and Southdown.

Services 11 .

Does have a limited replacement services with services D1.

Bath spa bus and coach station to Bathampton main road Limpley stoke, Winsley, Bradford on Avon Trowbridge, Westbury, Warminster for Salisbury.

Services 42 is withdrawn

Odd Down park and ride Twerton and the RUH Hospital.

Services 4 Odd Down park and ride to city centre Bath spa bus and coach station to Royal university Hospital.

Royal United hospital Trust will not fund this bus service. £65 000 a Year

Services are funded in Bristol by University Hospitals Bristol and Weston Trust

Gloucester and Cheltenham hospital link is funding by the Gloucestershire hospital Hospital Trust.

Services 3 Bath bus and coach station to Batheaston and Bathford is not serving the Elmhurst estate

Services 516 Whitchurch estate to Hengrove hospital and Knowle has been withdrawn with the failure of Hct group

515 Stockwood, Whitchurch, Hengrove Hospital, Imperial park

Services 55 Whitchurch, Hengrove, Dundry, Bristol Airport.

Services 54 Bristol Airport to Yatton station and Clevedon

53 Clevedon town service.

We also have the loss of the important Transport link. Wells bus and coach station to Cheddar, Axbridge, Winscombe, Banwell, Locking Weston bus and coach station

Services 36 Bristol city centre to St Anne's park, Brislington, Knowle, Hengrove hospital are used by Banes residents accessing South Bristol hospital.

Services D2 Bath spa bus and coach station, Midford Norton st Phillips, Rode and Beckington.

Evening service is withdrawn.

Living village without an evening bus services

This is Somerset County Council and West of England Mayoral Combined Transport Authority service.

Sunday services is continuing with bus operators recovery grant.

Passengers will have to use the train from Frome station to Bath spa bus and coach station so through tickets need to be promoted.

Plus bus for bus rail ticketing need promotion.

As is the Avon rider ,Bath rider Weston super mare rider and Bristol rider .

Family disabled families young people 2 people and Disabled rail cards and coach cards

On Bus and coach stations

Bristol bus and coach station has all it realtime information systems not working

Bath spa bus and coach station.

Need to realtime information systems for bus coach and rail services repaired

The pigeons are attracting the system

We need the pigeons nets repaired and the travel centre reopened as A Tourist information offices.

The loss of bus services across the West of England Mayoral combined transport Authority and North Somerset council bus service improvements plan area will leave many communities without public transport.

We would ask for special meeting of the West of England Mayoral combined Authority committee and West of England joint committee and scrutiny commission.

We have loss major services in South Gloucestershire council and Great Bristol area.

505 Long Ashton park and ride, Clifton, Cotham Southmead hospital bus station

506 Bristol city centre, Lawrence hill Easton Eastville Horfield.

Bristol Southmead hospital.

52 South Bristol to Bristol city centre.

Y3, y4 Bristol bus and coach station to yate via Eastville park , Stapleton Frenchay, Hambroke, Winterbourne, Frampton Cotterell, Coalpit Heath and Yate bus station.

We need to make sure all these first group plc bus route and former Hct group buses services should be tendered by West of England Mayoral combined transport Authority and North Somerset council

This is why a special West of England Mayoral Combined Transport Authority and North Somerset joint committee should be called urgently. And discussion with smaller bus operators to gap fill the services.

Faresaver buses Abus, Berkeley coaches CTC coaches, Applegate coaches centurion coaches ,coachstyle coaches

These smaller companies with A Peter may be able to replace some bus services.

If we cannot get Network coverage in Greater Bristol and Bath city region and North Somerset council area, we may need to ask the Mayor Dan Norris of the West of England Mayoral combined transport Authority and North Somerset council.

Which with the LEP needs to be a full member of the West of England Mayoral combined transport Authority.

David Redgewell South west transport Network and Railfuture Severnside.

Ian Beckey Gloucestershire catch the bus service campaign.

Somerset catch the bus service campaign

Dave Andrews statement

It is now an indisputable fact that renewables are:

- a) perfectly capable of providing continuous and reliable heat and power even during winter periods of zero wind and low solar (renewable droughts) by using already known and proven, inexpensive storage and backup techniques. This can be for weeks-long winter periods of low wind and dark days that can occur in winter.
- b) that the total cost is cheaper than either fossil fuel or nuclear energy even before the recent dramatic price rises.
- c) renewables can be built far more quickly than nuclear energy and are more reliable.

<https://claverton-energy.com/baseload-power-generators-such-as-nuclear-power-plant-are-not-needed-in-an-all-renewable-future-and-their-use-would-simply-increase-costs.html>

The evidence is now clear that we are in a global heating catastrophe, such as heatwaves, floods, storms, rising sea levels, people simply dying of heat stroke etc, first predicted by the last great polymath Alexander von Humboldt in 1799; the first scientific quantification put forward by Joseph Fourier, a French mathematician and physicist in 1824, and with greater refinement occurring as the years passed. <https://www.newscientist.com/article/2337002-were-on-course-to-hit-six-climate-tipping-points-in-the-2030s/>

Convincing scientific evidence was put forward in the 1970s – The famous MIT study “The Limits To Growth” https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Limits_to_Growth predicted the climate crisis starting in the 1990s. The oil company’s private research also in the 1970s confirmed the dire MIT predictions about the fossil fuel-induced climate crisis, but they suppressed they not only suppressed the evidence but ever since have funded £Billions to climate disinformation groups and lobbying groups, delaying both the acceptance of climate change, the introduction of renewables and insulating our houses properly, the worst in Europe all of which would reduce fossil fuel usage.

<https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/exxon-knew-about-climate-change-almost-40-years-ago/>

The fact is that renewable electricity is was significantly cheaper than fossil fuel or nuclear electricity, even before the present crisis, and can be built much more quickly: – 10 – 20 years for nuclear, 5 years for a wind farm, and this is the transition we must make at breakneck speed if we are to avoid worldwide the collapse of food production, starvation, flooding of low-lying inhabited land and the resulting migrations this will cause. A thousand a day across the Channel will be nothing as to what could happen.

We must ignore the blocks to renewable energy politically created by fossil fuel companies and their lobbyists and get on building wind and solar, improving insulation, and other infrastructure as fast as possible, and this will not cost us anything in the long run, as the return on investment is far greater than the actual costs avoided.

Finally, to repeat, renewables, wind, and solar are perfectly capable of providing reliable power for weeks when there is no wind or now solar. This is done using known, proven, and inexpensive storage and backup generation techniques to cover periods of low wind and solar. <https://claverton-energy.com/baseload-power-generators-such-as-nuclear-power-plant-are-not-needed-in-an-all-renewable-future-and-their-use-would-simply-increase-costs.html>

Charlotte Howell-Jones statement

RE: Motion to Full council - Support Renewable Energy vs Nuclear

Statement summary

The answers to the cost of living / energy crisis and the climate crisis go hand in hand. We require significant investment in clean, home grown renewable energy, which is now x9 cheaper than other non renewable energy options, and much faster to get to market.

I would like to speak as a worried Mum, but also as a concerned citizen for the thousands of families across the country who will be making difficult decisions this winter, as they struggle to pay their astronomical energy bills; and for the families across the globe already facing the dire impacts of climate change.

The energy bills have now been capped, but at a level many families will not be able to pay. And those on a meter will be impacted the greatest.

It is important we fix the broken energy system in the UK fast, but it's imperative we get this right, with people and the planet at the heart of every new strategy. And that means home-grown renewable energy. Not Nuclear. And certainly not fracking and 140 new oil and gas fields....