

STATEMENT TO CABINET – 7TH SEPTEMBER 2023

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We again bring to your attention the difficulties and hardships on residents and visitors to Greater Bristol try to use the public transport and bus Network. Many community groups, residents/tenants' associations and youth groups have expressed very deep concern about not being able to get to school, college, university, work, hospital, food shopping and other shopping and leisure and Tourism facilities.

The public transport network is the responsibility of the West of England mayoral combined transport Authority and North Somerset council jointly through the bus service improvement plans.

With funding through the bus service improvement plan, and importantly, the funding the supported bus service through the transport levy paid by the unitary councils Bristol city council, Banes and South Gloucestershire council with contributions from North Somerset council.

The power to provide public bus services is the responsibility of the West of England mayoral combined transport Authority and North Somerset council Mayor Dan Norris and councillor Hannah Young transport executive North Somerset council. And Bristol city council Banes South Gloucestershire County council under the west of England mayoral combined Authority act.

The areas of Greater Bristol and Bath city region are on the following areas, with bus routes having been withdrawn Service 5 / 47 route from Bristol city centre St Pauls, St Werburghes, Eastville park, Stapleton, Broomhill, Fishponds, Oldbury Court, Downend, Emerson Green Pucklechurch, Westerleigh, Yate bus station, Yate North, which could be restored by extending stagecoach west 525 Yate North Yate bus station, Westerleigh Pucklechurch, Emerson Green service back to Bristol city centre. Via Downend Oldbury court, Fishponds Broomhill, Stapleton, Eastville Park. The service could terminate at The Eastgate centre or Bristol city centre.

Ashton vale is a community on the North Somerset council city and county of Bristol border without a public bus service since the withdrawal of bus service 23 from Ashton vale Southville Bristol city centre bus .But the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority and North Somerset council run the 505 Southmead hospital bus station Clifton, Hotwells ,Ashton Gate long Ashton park and ride service Run by stagecoach west and can be extended to Ashton vale estate and Back to the long Ashton park and ride via winterstoke Road. For a connection to Southville Bristol city centre Cabot circus, Old market, Easton Eastville ,Horfield, Lockleaze, Southmead hospital bus station By First group plc bus 24 West of England buses .

Brislington, Knowle ,Hengrove, Whitchurch Park Hartcliffe and Bishopsworth.

Service 36 Bristol city centre, Old market, Barton hill , St Anne's park needs Extention to Bristlington , via Hungerford road Knowle Hengrove hospital, Whitchurch estate Hartcliffe, Bishopsworth.

Service 52 Bishopsworth South Bristol hospital to Bristol city centre and Broadmead. Has been withdrawn this weekend.

672, Bladon Chew valley, Bridgwater Road Bedminster Bristol city centre has been withdrawn.

This leaves South Bristol cemetery without any bus service. The 52, 672 service needs addressing with a new service starting from Cheddar. North Bristol.

Service 10 and 11

Service 10 11 operators from Shirehampton and Avonmouth to Westbury on Trym and Southmead hospital bus station but leaving the community with bus link except at school and colleges and work journeys To Uwe Bus and coach station Bristol parkway railway station. This link needs to be restored to allow passenger to get to and from the university and City of Bristol college And South Gloucestershire and Stroud college. Bradley Stoke Aztec west Hortham Alverston Thornbury.

Service 622 Cribbs causeway bus station Bristol Zoo, Lower Almondsbury, Olverton Alverston Thornbury, Tytherington and yate bus and coach station. Which at present is just a school and colleges service 917.

Services in South East Bristol and North East Somerset.

The 522 Bristol bus and coach station Bristol Temple meads station. Arnos vale Brislington Keynsham Marksbury, Timsbury, Paulton, Midsomer Norton Westfield, Radstock Peasedown St John Bath spa bus and coach station.

This service needs to operate via Bristol bus and coach station Bristol Temple meads station, Arnos vale, Brislington Keynsham , Marksbury Timsbury Paulton Midsomer Norton Tesco, Timsbury Tunley Bath spa bus and coach station.

Service 414,424 Frome coach station To Radstock Westfield Midsomer Norton Paulton needs to include bus route 82. In North Somerset council area Service 126 Wells bus and coach station Easton, Draycott, cheddar, Axbridge Winscombe, Banwell, locking, Weston bus and coach station interchanges. Needs urgently restoring It was promised in September 2023 and October 2023.

Alan Peters of Abus has offered to run the service.

Service changes in Greater Bristol to serve areas without bus services. Are service No1 from Cribbs causeway bus station to Bromhill and Brislington.

Via Blaise castle estate, Henbury Westbury on Trym, The Downs Clifton Down station park street, Bristol city centre, Bristol Broadmead shopping centre Bristol Temple meads station Arnos vale Brislington at sandy park road the route can split going service 1 Alison road Bromhill Brislington.

1 a sandy park road St Anne's park Guilford Road Broomhill road Brislington trading estate Hungerford Road, Brislington village, school Road Brislington St Anne's park, Wick Road Sandy park road Bath road normal route .

Other route is service 24 24 a Running from Ashton gate Southville Bedminster Redcliffe Bristol city centre Bristol Cabot circus old market Easton Eastville Horfield lockleaze Bristol Southmead hospital bus station. The other route is 24a being split From some service could start from Bishopsworth upland on the 52 route Ashton vale Southville Bedminster Redcliffe Bristol city centre, Bristol Cabot circus St Paul's St werburgess Eastville park Horfield lockleaze Southmead hospital bus station.

Westlink Demand responsive bus services.

Northern area. Needs to serve the following Destinations to make interchange with

Bus and train services.

Aztec west metro bus stop
Bristol Cribbs causeway bus station.
Bristol parkway station.
Uwe bus station
Filton Abbey wood station
Patchway station.
Southmead hospital bus station.
Downend? oildbury court, Fishponds Broomhill, Stapleton, Eastville Park
Easton, Barton hill, Dings
Bristol Temple meads station

In South area
To serve Ashton vale
Long Ashton park and ride site
Brislington park and ride site.
Brislington Hungerford road.
Bristol Temple meads station

Abus service review with new contracts and service is due to go to the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority West of England scrutiny commission in October 2023 and 6th October 2023 west of England mayoral combined Authority committee and joint committee on 6th October 2023.

Bus services are very important in Greater Bristol and Bath city region communities and will be a major issue in the Bristol city council election and General election. And councillor Cheney and his proposals for the transport levy from Bristol city council to the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority mayor Dan Norris and North Somerset council must be scrutinised.

Other public transport Network issues:

Investment is the need to progress
Metro west railway service Network
Henbury loop station platform needs planning permission granted in south Gloucestershire County council area. With provision made for through running to Avonmouth Dock station. And construction of stations at Filton arena and Exhibition centre And Ashley Down.
On the Bristol Temple meads station to Bedminster, Parson Street, pill Portishead with a new station at Ashton Gate. The business case is being rewritten for the Portishead line.

With the opening of Bristol Portway park and ride. A bid has been put in for a full public transport interchanges bus access. To allow buses to travel to Severnside and North Bristol via Lawrence Weston Westbury on Trym Southmead hospital bus station Uwe bus and coach station and Bristol parkway station. To Severnside. And to Portishead and Clevedon. The Terminal building and Ev charges need addressing and Taxis provision.

Ticket office closures and the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority and North Somerset council. Western gateway Transport Board Objections. To the closures of tickets offices on the metro west railway Network and at Cheltenham spa Gloucester central. Yate Bristol parkway. Bristol Temple meads station. Keynsham, Oldfiled Park. Bath spa Bradford on Avon Trowbridge Westbury Warminster Salisbury/ Frome. Nalisea and Backwell Yatton for Clevedon. Worle parkway. Weston super mare. Bridgwater. Taunton.

These tickets office Sale 50% Discount tickets for wheelchair users Bus railway integrated tickets. Railway ferry tickets to Ireland Northern Ireland Channel Islands Isle of Man and the Scottish islands.

Railway cards. Split and cheap Tickets and help wheelchair and passenger with reduced mobility and Assist travel partly sighted passengers on and off the train.

BATH SPA RAILWAY STATION AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT NETWORK INTERCHANGE.

Bath spa Railway station and public transport Network interchange Bath spa tickets office and booking hall ceiling has clasped and need repair it has been temporary repaired. The plaster is failing off the walls in the stair well on the London platform. The station clock is broken and needs repairing in the clock Tower the clock is missing out for repairs. The station canopy needs repairing the glass is missing. The lift from Glaziers Restaurant and bus and coach station on platform 1 is broken. The sewerage system needs repairing under the station. The bus and coach station seats need replacement both in the bus and coach station building and Dorchester Street. The station needs deep cleaning on the class and concourse. The bus and coach station interchanges and Travel centre needs to reopen to support passengers and Tourists With bus, rail and coach station information. The bus and coach operators under Alan Peters has offered to bring together First group plc west of England buses Faresaver buses National Express coaches, Airport flyer bus service and Toote bus Rapt Bath bus company.

West of England mayoral combined transport Authority and visit west to find a solution to the information point in the bus and coach station.

British land the owner with Banes council and Network rail Western route need to come up with a plan to with the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority Department for transport Network rail western route Banes, British land and First group plc. To restore Bath spa Railway station Bus and coach station and passenger interchange. Detailed work needs to be looked at for Saltford and Corsham stations.

On mass transit system The Bristol bus and coach station to Bristol Temple meads station, Arnos vale Brislington, Keynsham, Saltford Newbridge, Weston, Bath spa bus and coach station Railway interchange is out for public consultation by the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority mayor Dan Norris.

But the proposal to put a road down the North Somerset railway line should be protected as a railway corridor. From Bristol city centre Bristol Bus and coach station, Bristol Temple meads station Arnos vale, Brislington, Talbot Road station to Bath Road to Keynsham Saltford Newbridge Weston Bath spa bus and coach station railway interchange this link could cross the river Keynsham Bitton Kelson Weston railway corridor and street run into Bath spa interchange.

Upgrading the A4 bus corridor from Bristol bus and coach station Bristol Temple meads station Arnos vale Brislington Keynsham Saltford Newbridge Weston Bath spa bus and coach station is very important.

With bus service and stops and interchanges especially in Brislington, Keynsham Saltford Newbridge Weston Bath spa bus and coach station. Interchange at Keynsham next to the Railway station and bypass. Improvement in walking and cycling along the corridor. And the North Somerset railway line. Used a public Transport corridor. Not as the Brislington by for the A4 trunk road with a park and ride at Brislington Hicks Gate and a link from Callington Road corridor Hengrove park Whitchurch Hengrove hospital imperial park Hartcliffe Bristol Airport.

The other consultation issue to make sure bus coach and Taxis services can operate through the proposed Broadmead shopping centre and central regeneration scheme. And wheelchair access consultation to all coaches by the Department for transport.

Spike island Bristol - There is a need for the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority and North Somerset as transport Authorities and operator on the m2 metro bus service Long Ashton park and ride site To Harbourside Redcliffe Bristol city centre Bristol Temple meads station and Bristol Cabot circus. To have a consultation about the need to access to spike island for blue badger holders and people with reduced mobility and residents who need to access their homes and small businesses jointly with Bristol city council as Highway Authority.

On Ferry services we welcome the extension of the ferry services from Hotwells Bristol city centre, Bristol Temple meads station To Natham. But we need an accessible boat for wheelchair accessible to be addressed by the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority. With marketing of the Taxis bus service From Bath city centre to Bathampton.

With regards to branding, we need to move forward on branding of bus stop shelters, interchanges, bus and coach stations with West bus coach and rail interchange.

West bus

Metro west rail

West scooter

West e bike

West coach

West Ferry

West light rail.

West park and ride.

We need branding like the West Midlands combined Authority mayor Andy Street and Greater Manchester combined transport Authority mayor Andy Burnham have implemented.

We need to make urgent arrangements for the transfer Bristol city council Transport staff and especially public transport Network staff. With Banes and South Gloucestershire council to the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority.

Their needs to be a devolution deal for North Somerset council and the local Enterprise partnership to join the west of England mayoral combined Authority in 2025 after the next mayoral elections. We need the metro mayor Dan Norris and leader of North Somerset council leader councillor Mike Bell to hold a public transport Network bus forum and for Banes council to hold a journey to net zero Transport forum.