

## COUNCIL MEETING 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2025

### STATEMENTS FROM PUBLIC

#### Public (item 7)

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| 1. Robin Kerr, Bath Alliance   | Transport aspects of Local Plan and Movement Strategy consultations<br>( <i>statement attached</i> ) |
| 2. Ian Sanders   | Challenges for new build developments ( <i>statement attached</i> )                                  |
| 3. David Redgewell   | Public transport funding   |
| 4. Charlie Siret, WESTACT  | Transport in B&NES ( <i>statement attached</i> )   |
| 5. Emilia Melville, Reclaim our Buses                                | WECA bus franchising ( <i>statement attached</i> )   |
| 6. Jackie Head, Chew Valley CIC Sustainable Transport Partnership    | Chew Valley buses ( <i>statement attached</i> )  |
| 7. Elaine Workman, Chew Valley CIC Sustainable Transport Partnership | Chew Valley buses ( <i>statement attached</i> )  |
| 8. Phil Collins, Chew Valley CIC Sustainable Transport Partnership   | Chew Valley buses ( <i>statement attached</i> )  |

### **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS - PUBLIC**

<b>P</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>Question from:</b>	<b>Brian Webber</b>
I congratulate Councillor Stuart Bridge on his election at the recent by-election for Widcombe and Lyncombe ward. Please may I know (approximately) the total additional expenditure incurred by the Electoral Services Department in arranging the by-election.			
<b>Answer from:</b>			<b>Cllr Mark Elliott</b>
The cost of the by-election in Widcombe & Lyncombe ward was £11,960.			
<b>P</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>Question from:</b>	<b>Brian Webber</b>
On 20 August 2025 I emailed Councillor McCabe suggesting that the small area of little used open space near the Bethel in St John's Road, Bath could be used for a few small dwellings for older people in a sustainable location. As he did not reply I infer that he considered my suggestion had no merit. Please may I know why?			
<b>Answer from:</b>			<b>Cllr Matt McCabe</b>
Apologies for the delay. I am waiting for a replacement laptop so I'm currently unable to check what actions have taken place regarding this query. Once this is restored, I'll check and get back to Brian with an update.			
<b>P</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>Question from:</b>	<b>Brian Webber</b>
It is noticeable in many spots of central Bath that broken pavement slabs are being replaced by asphalt. While York stone or other quality			

material is expensive, does not cheap asphalt degrade the appearance of our World Heritage city?

**Answer from:**

**Cllr Lucy Hodge**

Unfortunately, many of our pavements in Bath City and other urban areas are subject to vehicle over-running due to the selfish behaviour of motorists who increasingly dominate pedestrian spaces by driving over pavements, causing significant damage and risks through trips and falls. The reality is there is more damage than we can repair, so in many cases we are faced with ensuring pavements are safe and serviceable by removing broken slabs and inserting readily available flexible asphalt concrete materials with the intention of returning at a later date to undertake a more specialist paving repair. Whilst we do hold stocks of certain paving slabs, we are also faced with the challenge in some cases of sourcing suitable replacement slabs to match in with the surrounding paving. Our highway inspection team take great pride in their work but as we are faced with an ever-increasing workload of damaged paving areas to address it can be frustrating not being able to undertake 'right first time' repairs and retain the historic feel of our world heritage city.