

Public Questions

| <u>Question:</u> | <u>Submitted by:</u> |
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| <p>Whilst we understand the 87 million pounds of saving for the unity council in Somerset and the threat of a section 114 notice, we note Somerset other unity council of Bath and North East Somerset council and North Somerset council also have to make savings of million of pounds as Does Devon County Council.</p> <p>The council and Regional bodies like South west councils the Greater South west partnership, Western Gateway partnership should with Mps and members of the House of lord pressing some the government for proper fund for public services in the south west and especially in Somerset.</p> <p><u>Question 1</u></p> <p>What action is Somerset Council taken with Regional bodies and mps and members of the house of lords to raise the funding issues of the budget emergency in Somerset.</p> <p><u>Question 2</u></p> <p>On Devolution of public Transport service to city town and parish councils.</p> <p>With the Department for transport settlement of capital grant and revenue through the bus service improvement plan money or fares cap grant.</p> <p>If the bus stop infrastructure and shelters and bus stop are devolved to Wells city council or Frome Town Council ,Shepton mallet, Glastonbury and street how will the Mendip Region. Shelters coach bus stop infrastructure be maintained or should a service be provided by the council Transport Department the Town and Parish councils fund under a service level agreement one to 4 mainance vans are very cost effective across the unity council. Funded by Town and parish councils and Somerset as the Transport Authority.</p> <p>Each council can apply badges and Brands to the shelters and maintenance vans as a joint service.</p> <p>But we feel the Transport Authority should own the county bus and coach assets,</p> | David Redgewell |

On bus and coach stations their is for Department for transport grant aid to continue to own the bus and coach stations at Taunton Transport hub, Bridgwater bus and coach station, Yeovil bus and coach station, Wells bus and coach station, Wincanton bus and coach station memorial hall, Frome Cork Street, Shepton Mallet interchange, Chard interchange Minehead Bank Street, and parade Minehead railway station., coach park Coach station/ Parks at Wellington, Glastonbury, street .

As their is revenue through coach parking charges and car park income for Somerset council.

However if day to maintenance agreement can be reached with First group plc and Bridgwater Town Council Wells city council, or Yeovil Town Council with First group plc and South west coaches Ltd a way forward can be found.

In the case of Yeovil bus and coach station we also have the Northern Ireland owned shopping centre company.

We would welcome any service level agreement but can details please be brought to the Somerset bus service advisory Board for discussion and support in January or with public transport users as part of this budget consultation process.

Question 3

Tendering of public transport services bus and community transport services and railway partnerships schemes

On bus services in view of the bus services improvement plan and the support bus network we welcome the proposal to look working in Partnership with city ,Town and Parish councils

Including community transport services. and registering of service with the Traffic Commissioner.

But this would require Somerset unity council as Transport Authority to let the Bus or coach services contract .

The 67 Wells bus and coach station to Wookey Hole ,Wookey village, Wedmore, Highbridge and Burnham on sea is a good example of partnership working.

But on Main line routes with first group plc South buses. And First group plc Wales and West buses Division

Would require very detailed partnership working service levels agreement and management structures and partnership with the partnership councils and Transport Authorities.

Examples being

From Taunton to Minehead bus 28

It would require at the Taunton Town ,Bishop Lydeard, willton Watchet and Minehead Town Council To contribute.

And the smaller Parishes

With first group plc South buses First Group plc Great Western Railway company.

25 Taunton Dulverton via Wiveliscombe and Bampton will require the Town Council in Taunton, first group plc Great Western Railway company, Parish councils and Town Council including Wiveliscombe and Bampton in Devon and Dulverton council.

Devon County Council and Exmoor National park Authority.

Or 58 Yeovil bus and coach station to Yeovil pen mill station First Group Great Western Railway company Sherborne Town Council Dorset Sherborne Railway station, first group plc South western railway company, Templecombe, Parish Council First group plc South buses Western Railway company Wincanton Town Council and close working with Dorset Council as the other Transport Authority.

And the smaller Paris councils

54,Taunton to Langport, Somerton Ilchester and Yeovil bus and coach station,

Will require First group plc South buses and Town and Parish councils,

Services 1 Yeovil bus and coach station to Castle cary Town, Railway station, Evercreech and Shepton mallet interchange.

Will require discussion with Somerset council first group plc Great Western Railway company Castle cary Railway station and Town and parish councils NHS Somerset at Shepton mallet.

In the Mendip region

Route 376 street, Glastonbury,Wells bus and coach, Chewton Mendip, Farrington Gurney Clutton Temple cloud ,Pensford, Whitchurch Hengrove Bristol Temple meads station Bristol bus and coach station.

With require discussion with Town and city and parish Council in Somerset unity and Banes unity and the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority.

First Group plc Wales and West buses Division, First Group plc Great Western Railway company at Bristol Temple meads station and Bristol city council

Similar with the 172, 173 ,174

Wells bus and coach station, st cuthbert without ,Chilcompton, Shepton mallet Town Council, Paulton, midsomer Norton, Westfield,

Radstock peasdown st john Town and parish Council s Banes council and West of England mayoral combined transport Authority, First Group plc Wales and West buses Division and First group plc Great Western Railway company at Bath spa interchange.

NHS Trust at Royal United Hospital Trust at peasdown st john.

The previous successful version of this was Frome to Bath spa bus and coach station involving, Banes council, Somerset council, Frome Town Council, Beckington parish Council, Rode parish Council, North St Philips parish Council Midford parish Council.

First Group plc west of England buses now First group plc Wales and West buses Division and First group plc Great Western Railway company.

And now sevenside community railway partnership And South wessex community railway partnerships

And the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority.

In all case metro mayor Dan Norris.

Council Sarah Warren transport executive Fiona Gourley public transport lead member council Kevin Guy leader

On 126 Wells to weston super mare bus and coach station.

Wells city council, st cuthbert without Parish Council, Westbury sub Mendip, Draycott Cheddar Axbridge winscombe Banwell locking Hutton Weston super mare Town and parish councils and North Somerset council.

Councillor Mike Bell leader and councillor Hannah young transport executive . But the the cb3 Crewkerne Beaminster to Bridport bus and coach station and hospital services Saturday service funded by Beaminster Council and Bridport Town Council funds Town bus services as does Lyme Regis Town Council park and ride and a town service so this can be made to work but will require at lot of technical issues and services and Tendering by Somerset unity council public transport unit and work With North Somerset council west of England mayoral combined transport Authority Banes council in Somerset. And Dorset ,Devon, and Wiltshire Councils and incase of bus services improvement plan and fund the Department for transport.

The same with the Department for transport funding for community railway partnership with parish Town and city council with First group plc MTR South Western Railway company and First group plc Great Western Railway company. Cross country trains arriva Germany state Railway.

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| <p>Does Somerset unity council have a way of talk to all these partners and put joint budgets together during this budget round and consultation with public transport company Parish ,Town and city council and neighbouring Transport Authority councils and mayor's. Department of Transport and the Traffic Commissioner,</p> | |
| <p>With reference to Item 11 - 2023 - 2024/25 General Fund Revenue Budget & Capital Programme update paragraph 22, how can you guarantee that:</p> <p>There are no health and safety implications arising from this report given that there is a proposal to save £87million and make significant reductions to the workforce by the end of Quarter 2 2024/25?</p> | <p>Helen Eccles</p> |
| <p>With reference to Item 11 - 2023 - 2024/25 General Fund Revenue Budget & Capital Programme update paragraph 20, how can you guarantee that:</p> <p>There are no direct community safety implications arising from this report given that there is a proposal to save £87million and make significant reductions to the workforce by the end of Quarter 2 2024/25?</p> | <p>Neil Guild</p> |
| <p>With reference to Item 11 - 2023 - 2024/25 General Fund Revenue Budget & Capital Programme update paragraph 19, how can you guarantee that:</p> <p>There are no specific equalities implications arising from the recommendation in this report given that there is a proposal to save £87million and make significant reductions to the workforce by the end of Quarter 2 2024/25?</p> | <p>Alison Hann</p> |
| <p>With reference to Item 11 - 2023 - 2024/25 General Fund Revenue Budget & Capital Programme update paragraph 24, how can you guarantee that:</p> <p>There are no direct Social Value implications arising from this report given that there is a proposal to save £87million and make significant reductions to the workforce by the end of Quarter 2 2024/25?</p> | <p>Tom Kennedy-Hughes</p> |

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| <p>With reference to Item 11 - 2023 - 2024/25 General Fund Revenue Budget & Capital Programme update paragraph 23, how can you guarantee that:</p> <p>There are no direct health and wellbeing implications arising from this report given that there is a proposal to save £87million and make significant reductions to the workforce by the end of Quarter 2 2024/25?</p> | <p>Max Lester</p> |
| <p>With reference to Item 11 - 2023 - 2024/25 General Fund Revenue Budget & Capital Programme update paragraph 21, how can you guarantee that:</p> <p>There are no direct climate change and sustainability implications arising from this report given that there is a proposal to save £87million and make significant reductions to the workforce by the end of Quarter 2 2024/25?</p> | <p>Paul Windsor</p> |
| <p>It was reported in the local news that this meeting was to discuss the transfer of assets to town and parish councils Firstly is this the case and if not then when will this be discussed in open forum. In addition, you will be aware of the requests sent to you over the previous 12-18 months for transfer of assets to Shepton Mallet Town Council. Nothing has been forthcoming from the Somerset Council as yet about this and can I ask when the council will be in touch with SMTC to progress this issue, especially given that the public consultation event on the town councils precept for 24/25 happened YESTERDAY !!! and the transfer of assets will certainly affect the precept for the town council</p> | <p>Robin Horton</p> |
| <p>This question relates to Item 6 2023-24 GF Budget Monitoring Executive Report Q2 - Month 6 and Item 11 - 2023 - 2024/25 General Fund Revenue Budget & Capital Programme update</p> <p>With dwindling reserves and without a capitalisation direction how likely is it that SC may be left with no option but to follow <u>Nottingham City Council Section 114 Report updates - Nottingham City Council ?</u></p> | <p>Nigel Behan</p> |