

# Bus Advisory Board – 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024

## Item 2 - Bus Advisory Board Membership

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### 1. Background

- 1.1 The Bus Advisory Board was established in 2021 as part of the response to the government’s National Bus Strategy: Bus Back Better.
- 1.2 The organisations represented on the Board, remain unchanged, although the individuals representing them have changed over time. This is an opportunity to review the individuals listed to ensure the contacts remain correct.
- 1.3 Any future changes to the individuals representing each organisation should be notified to Democratic Services [DemocraticServicesTeam@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:DemocraticServicesTeam@somerset.gov.uk) . This will enable an accurate record to be maintained for distributing agendas and reports.

Organisation	Representative Member	Deputy (where appropriate)
Somerset Council	Cllr Richard Wilkins (Chair)	Sunita Mill (Vice – Chair)  Also attends for presenting agenda items: John Perrett Natasha Bates Lisa Bentley
Operators		
First South West	Rebecca Mantyk	James Eustace
First West of England	Rob Pymm	Rob Sanderson
Southwest Coaches	Peter Fairey	
Libra Travel	Chris Higgs	
Fromebus	Andy Young	
Hatch Green	Nick Hutt	Josh Strickland
Bakers Dolphin	Max Fletcher	
Ridlers Ltd	Mark Jamieson	
Somerset Council Fleet	Lee Jones	

Southwest Community Transport	Victoria Butcher	
Mendip Community Transport	Martyn Starnes	
AtWest	Simon Stanford	
Faresaver	Daniel Pickford	
Stagecoach Southwest	Simon Ford	
Dartline	Mark Collins	
Local Express Coach Operators		
Berry's Coaches	James Berry	
National Express	Amy Poole	
Rail Operators		
Great Western Railway	Luke Farley	
South Western Railway	Andrew Ardley	
Crosscountry Trains	Richard Gibson	
Network Rail	Vacant	
Planning Representatives		
Area East	TBC	
Area North	Nick Tait	
Area South	John Hammond	
Area West	Alison Blom-Cooper	
Exmoor National Park	Dan James	
Bus Passenger Representatives		
	Peter Travis (BUS Group Chair)	Tony Reese (BUS Group Vice- Chair)
	David Redgewell	
Neighbouring Local Authorities:		
Devon	Damien Jones	Mike Tucker
Dorset	Deborah Fiddik	
North Somerset	Carl Nicholson	
WECA	Ed Hopkins	
Wiltshire	Phil Grocock	