

Cabinet – 12 March

Public Questions

Question from David Redgewell Southwest transport Network

With the Dorset bus services improvement plan

What progress is being made? On protect the west Dorset and south Somerset bus network by protect the bus and coach maintenance facilities in Yeovil, under threat of closure with very urgent need for a replacement Bus and coach maintenance cleaning driver and supervisor office facilities to be replaced and facilities at Weymouth and Bridport bus Depots which are a considerable distance from Yeovil

Which urgent requires a new bus and coach Depot facility for South Somerset and West Dorset,

And the on going provision bus service from that Depot 58 58 A Yeovil bus and coach station, Yeovil pen mill station Sherborne Town Sherborne Railway station Templecombe, Wincanton bus and coach station by First Group plc South buses jointy with Somerset council,

and the diversion of the x51 Weymouth King statue bus station Dorchester South station, Dorchester Town, Poundsbury ,Bridport bus and coach station, Lyme Regis and Axminster station services via martinstown and Winterbourne steepleton,

Response from the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Travel and Environment

These questions relate to operational decisions made by a commercial bus operator. Dorset Council doesn't have the ability to intervene in any bus company's commercial management, including their operational facilities or the running of commercial services. We will continue to engage with First to seek clarity over there future plans.