

## **Public Questions for Cabinet 11 June 2024**

### **Question from David Redgewell**

What provision is being made in Dorset bus services improvement plan which has to be submitted to Department for Transport by 12th June 2024 to improve bus and coach services across the county including replacement of the rural route bus service Network, the provision of Saturday and Sunday services, Especially on Key Bus corridor Such as CR4 Yeovil bus and coach station to Yeovil pen mill station Sherborne Town Sherborne Railway station ,Sturminster Newton and Blandford Forum, CR5 Yeovil bus and coach station to Yeovil pen mill station Sherborne Town Sherborne Railway station and Dorchester, CR6 Yeovil bus and coach station to crewrence Beaminster and Bridport bus and coach station/ Hospital, Blandford Forum to Shaftsbury and Gillingham Railway station corridor, the provision of Evening bus service and investment in county bus and coach stations and interchanges Bridport, Weymouth, Swanage, Dorchester, Blandford Forum, Wimborne minster Lyme Regis, Wareham Town centre and Railway station, bus and coach stop throughout Dorset including rear time information displays and at interchanges cctv, And interchanges with the Department for Transport funded fully accessible scheme at Dorchester South station operated by Network Rail wessex and First group plc MTR Southwestern Railway company, The provision of Electrification of the county bus and coach Network

### **Response from the Cabinet Member for Place Commissioned Services**

The council is preparing its third Bus Service Improvement Plan. This refreshed plan will build on the progress that's been achieved over the last two years and sets out our longer-term aspirations to improve local services that are attractive to government funders. The plan includes a vision for improving our socially necessary 'core routes', enhancing these routes to form the spine of the bus network and working to develop interconnecting feeder routes using community transport or demand responsive services to improve accessibility for more of our rural population. We will work closely with our local bus operators within an Enhanced Partnership to deliver these improvements. This plan will be published and made publicly available on the council website in accordance with timescales agreed with the Department for Transport.