

Notice of Proposed Amendment – 10 December 2024

Motion Debate c) - Supporting sustainable local bus services by Councillor William Gill

Proposed Amendment

Mover: Councillor Kerrie Carmichael Seconder: Councillor Hartwell

That the Motion be amended by the inclusion of the additional text highlighted in **bold** and deletion of red struck-through text as follows:

“Council notes with concern that several scheduled changes to bus routes will take place in January 2025 with a risk of losing some of our key local services across Sandwell **due to lack of patronage.** ~~including~~ **Council should note the** Number-30 and the Number 74a ~~bus routes amongst others and will further impact bus passenger numbers will~~ **undergo some changes that will make them more reliable.**

Council recognises the importance of bus routes and services for local communities across our borough which provide essential connections for our residents and businesses.

Council further recognises the potential benefits of bus franchising for our communities along with the recent £2 bus fare cap which applied across the region.

Council acknowledges that there are other available concessions that are cheaper for travellers to get to work - a bus pass is £18.00 per week. Other initiatives are 1,000 free four-week bus tickets and free bus travel from 7pm on the 9th – 13th December 2024.

Council therefore calls on the Leader and Cabinet to write to the Mayor of the West Midlands setting out the terms of this Motion ~~and calling for the £2 bus fare to be retained~~ **recognising the benefits of bus franchising and concessions making bus travel more accessible to communities** across all West Midlands bus services.”

Revised Motion if agreed to read:

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