

Bus Back Better Report

July 2021

At the June 2021 council meeting Wells City Council agreed to make a submission to Somerset County Council as part of the Government's Bus Back Better Campaign. Accordingly Cllr I'Anson and I have been undertaking the necessary groundwork that will form a basis for our comments.

We have carried out a morning and an afternoon survey of passengers at the Wells Bus Station gaining their views on the bus service, the bus station and existing routes. We have also sought suggestions and views on possible new routes. The article in the Wells Voice also attracted some responses.

Cllr I'Anson has made contact with Gavin Fear from Mendip DC, Robert Sanderson from First Bus and a bus driver who has responsibility for posting timetables. In addition, I have attended a Somerset-wide Zoom meeting which attracted 68 attendees, mostly parish and town councillors.

Armed with this information we will now be writing up our submission which will be based on holistic principles, not simply a wish-list.

Attached to this report is a copy of the simple survey we used. If councillors wish to complete the survey and return it to us we would appreciate that.

Jenny Rust

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