

Redditch Borough Council

27th June 2022

Urgent Business

Bus Services – Urgent Motion on Notice

Proposed by Councillor Bill Hartnett, seconded by Councillor Sid Khan.

“Council notes the email sent by Diamond Buses to all Members dated 7th June and the attached letter to the Department for Transport dated May 2022. Council is also concerned at the announcement issued by Diamond Buses dated 16th June 2022 which contains details of proposed withdrawal of services across Redditch from July and August 2022.

Council notes that the services on the withdrawal list will affect many Redditch Residents who rely on public transport to attend school, the Alexandra Hospital, the Town Centre and the wider cross Worcestershire area.

Council opposes the withdrawal of these services and believes that only a fully integrated and publicly subsidised transport service that meets the needs of our Community and meets it’s obligations towards a cleaner, greener and sustainable travel plan designed to reduce the reliance on car journeys.

Council, therefore, instructs the Leader of the Council to write to Diamond Buses outlining the Council’s opposition to the service cuts and further, convenes a Redditch wide public transport forum to include representatives of all political groups of the Council, Worcestershire County Council Cabinet Member responsible for Transport and invites members of the public with an interest in public transport.”

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