

Wiltshire Council

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From Councillor Jon Hubbard – Melksham South

To Councillor Bridget Wayman – Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Waste

Question (20-8)

I'm sure that the Cabinet Member will share the disappointment of all residents in the Melksham area at the decision by First Group to cease the important D3 bus service providing a vital link between Melksham and Bath.

I note that Council has been reminded on numerous occasions that the proceeds received by the council from its car parking income are used to subsidise the provision of busses for the local community.

Could the Cabinet Member reassure me that the subsidised evening and Sunday service on the D3 route will be continued and a new tender issued?

Response

Tenders are currently with suppliers and we will determine what we can afford to support when they are returned and evaluated. The daytime services will be picked up by Faresaver on a commercial basis, so there should be little disruption to the travelling public. Any changes to the bus timetable will be communicated in good time to the passengers in partnership with the provider.