

**Wiltshire Council**

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**From Councillor Ian Thorn – Calne Central**

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

**Question (20-9)**

Wiltshire Council has received £600k to support rural transport. Can you inform me of how this funding will be spent and that £600k won't be taken from the budget and spent elsewhere?

**Response**

As part of the governments recognition that the bus plays a pivotal role in reducing commuter traffic, reducing social isolation and supports the climate change agenda, it has, as part of a suite of funding, made available £671k for Wiltshire Council to enhance elements of its existing bus service network. We will be submitting our statement of intent, before the 13th March deadline, which will also be available on the website from the same date, but I can confirm this money will be spent on public transport. Town and Parish Councils will be consulted asking for suggestions that can be considered for enhancements to bus services in their area.