

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

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20th November 2013

NOTICE OF MOTION – FUTURE OF BUS SERVICES IN BROMSGROVE

Relevant Portfolio Holders	Councillor C.B. Taylor
Relevant Head of Service	Head of Planning and Regeneration

The following Notice of Motion has been submitted in accordance with Procedure Rule 11 by Councillor C. Bloore:

“Council Notes

Council notes the current consultation by Worcestershire County Council regarding the future of bus services and subsidies in Worcestershire.

Council notes the previous reduction in the bus subsidies in 2011 and the failure of this Council to respond collectively against those reductions.

Council Believes

That for Bromsgrove and District to prosper and grow it needs a strong and robust public transport system.

Bus transport is vital in keeping rural communities such as those in Bromsgrove and District connected to vital services.

The removal of bus subsidies and the potential withdrawal of some services will hit those vulnerable and elderly residents the hardest.

That the removal of bus subsidies could lead to some residents being cut off from getting to work, attending college or staying connected with family and friends.

Council Resolves

To send a clear and unequivocal message from the Chamber to Worcestershire County Council that the residents of Bromsgrove and District value and want to keep their bus services. For the Leaders of all parties to sign an open letter to County Council Leader Adrian Hardman urging the retention of local services.

To respond to the public consultation stating the importance of retaining current service provision.

The formation of a cross party working group to start a dialogue with the County Council and bus companies to ensure that services can be retained.”