

Bus Service Email received 12th July

Dear Alison

Thank you for your email dated 12 April and the attached letter. I am happy to attend a meeting with the town council, but you should note that the responsibility for bus services now rests with the Combined Authority and they have agreed to fund a review of all bus services in the county, and Peterborough. They have delegated the budget back to Cambridgeshire County Council until the end of March 2019, but the future from that date onwards will be informed by the review that they are currently commissioning.

In terms of feeding into the bus review it would be useful to know whether any discussions were held about the possibility of parishes providing funding towards the provision of bus services. In rescuing the services deregistered by Whippet last year the County Council provided short term funding of around £200k per annum to enable the services to continue until the end of March 2019, but this funding is from one off reserves and isn't sustainable as a long term solution.

I think it would also be useful to have an officer from Huntingdonshire District Council at the meeting, both in terms of any potential s106 funding and because they own the bus station.

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