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Liz,

Please find attached our latest BSIP progress report which shows how the BSIP funding has been allocated per delivery plans. It shows how there are a wide range of initiatives. It lists which commercial services were enhanced to increase frequencies. It also makes reference to how the Combined Authority followed the Government's initial criteria for the use of BSIP funding for supported bus services at the time (April 2023). The criteria stated that funding could only be spent on new services, not used for propping up existing supported services.

<https://www.westofengland-ca.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/West-of-England-Bus-Service-Improvement-Plan-Progress-Report-July-2023-V1.0.pdf>

Many thanks, Frankie

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Thanks Frankie,

Is there anywhere (report etc) that sets out where the BSIP funding is going?

Kind Regards

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Thanks Liz,

From a public transport point of view I feel the WSP report addresses any points made in this evidence.

- The 'option 6' that NRP propose as commercially viable still uses questionable assumptions.
- The national bus driver shortage and rises in inflation mean prices previously given for enhancing the 84/85 services have risen considerably.
- Without any actual commitment from a local operator, I question if a commercial bus service is viable
- Funding for the current 84/85 is limited to 2024

- BSIP funding that they refer to is already committed in other places.
- WestLink funding is only confirmed until March 2025, and as the NRP evidence suggest, it is too early to understand if the initiative has been successful. So DDRT may cease to exist before any homes in this development are even built, let alone inhabited.

Many thanks, Frankie

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Afternoon all,

Please see attached evidence from the Appellant. The appendices can be downloaded from the following link: <https://we.tl/t-sy3cnRokJc>

If you could possibly have a look over and provide me with any feedback it would be appreciated.

Kind Regards

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