

West of England Partnership
Joint Transport Executive Committee
1 October 2009

Issues for discussion with Justin Davies (Managing Director, First Bristol, Somerset & Avon)

Purpose of Report

To review progress and future plans with Justin Davies of First.

1. **GBBN - see agenda item 9 on this agenda**
 - Agreements to realise the benefits from infrastructure investment, in terms of enhancements to services frequencies or reduced journey times on completion of individual corridors
2. **Vehicle replacement programme**
 - The plans and programme for vehicle replacement of First for the next few years
 - Update on the bid for Government funding under “Green Bus” scheme
3. **Ticketing - see agenda item 8 on this agenda**
 - The Partnership believes there is a need to recognise the benefits of multi-operator bus ticket schemes for encouraging growth by removing a barrier to use of whole bus network
 - It would be helpful if the prices of multi-operator tickets could be set at the most appropriate level for the specific market, not as a premium product.
 - Reduction of bus stop dwell times by encouragement of more off-bus ticketing
 - Greater discounts for season ticket purchase
 - More ticket sales outlets (e.g. Pay Point network)
 - E-payment
 - Smartcards
4. **Service changes**
 - Liaison with Councils on (as opposed to notification of) packages of service changes
 - Reviews of the impact of changes after implementation
5. **Integration with rail**
 - Update on any initiatives planned with First Great Western.

Author of Report: Public Transport Officers of the four Councils

Officer presenting the report:

Barbara Davies, West of England Partnership Office
Tel. 0117 922 4923; barbara.davies@westofengland.org