

Dear Mr Todd

Freedom of Information Request Response – 615

Thank you for your Freedom of Information Request received on 23rd April 2019.

Please see our responses set out below.

1. What was the total net spend for supported bus services in the fiscal year 2018/19?*

£10.371m in gross expenditure (prior to utilising BSOG grant funding allocation).

£8.442m in net expenditure (after using BSOG grant funding allocation).

2. What was the total net spend for supported bus services in the fiscal year 2009/10?*

£7.969m. It should be noted that at this time BSOG Tendered Services funding was awarded directly to Bus Operators.

*Note: These refer to the Department for Transport's definition of a supported bus service as: "one where a local transport authority has invited tenders for the operation of a service (not e.g. seats on a bus or subsidised tickets etc), and a contract exists as a result of that tender". Please, exclude extra sources of funding such as Section 106/developer funding, Community Infrastructure Levy, local authority staffing and publicity, RTPI expenditure and revenue, the Bus Service Operators Grant (BSOG), Local Education Authority funding for home to school transport, NHS-funded non-emergency patient transport, social services transport, voluntary transport and other central and national government grants or income streams.

3. How many and which supported routes have had cuts in services in the fiscal year 2018/19 and (for example loss of weekend or evening services)? Please state if these are partial (the numbered service still runs but on fewer times) or total (the numbered service is completely withdrawn) cuts.

4 supported routes have had a cut in service in the fiscal year 2018/19. Details below;

- Service 142 . Stourbridge - Halesowen. Sunday and evening journeys withdrawn
- Service 71A. Extension to service 71A - Berwicks Lane, Chelmsley Wood, Solihull. Monday to Saturday daytime journeys withdrawn
- Service 53. Erdington to Smiths Wood. Frequency reduced from every 30 minutes to every 60 minutes
- Service 250/251. Stourbridge - Merry Hill. Monday to Saturday daytime service wholly withdrawn

4. How many and which of the previously supported routes have been taken on commercially?

1 supported route has been taken on commercially (however subsequently withdrawn and returned to a supported service in 19/20)

- Service 250/251. Stourbridge - Merry Hill. Monday to Saturday daytime service

5. What was the total net spend on free school transport (11-16yr olds in mainstream education) in 2018/19?

£0 - TfWM do not subsidise school transport this function is carried out by the districts

5b. How many pupils was this for?

n/a

6. What was the total net spend on free school transport (11-16yr olds in mainstream education) in 2013/14?

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6b. How many pupils was this for?

n/a

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which your request has been handled, you have the right to ask us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt.

If, following review, you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request you have the right under section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

Generally, the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:
Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely

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