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| Cynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru | National Assembly for Wales |
| Y Pwyllgor Menter a Busnes | Enterprise and Business Committee |
| Gwasanaethau Bysiau a Thrafnidiaeth Gymunedol yng Nghymru | Bus and Community Transport Services in Wales |
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Consultation questions

Question 1 - how would you describe the current condition of the bus and community transport sectors in Wales?

Am only aware of local service which is sadly lacking.

Question 2 - why do you think the number of bus services and the number of bus passengers is declining in Wales?

The service provided is inefficient and does not serve the needs of the local people. does not encourage its use.

Question 3 - what do you think is the social, economic and environmental impact of recent changes in bus and community transport service levels?

Small rural areas are becoming increasingly isolated. Businesses will suffer as people not able to access via a reliable transport service, also impacting on the environment as more people are relying on cars rather than public transport.

Question 4 - what do you think the Welsh Government should do to support bus and community transport in Wales?

Provide a reliable and appropriate service
Some routes may require support offset by
profit made on busier routes, these would
be more widely used if an adequate service
~~would~~ was provided increasing profits on
these routes.

Question 5 - what do you think Welsh local authorities should do to support bus and community transport services?

Support local action in support of
improving services and put pressure upon
providers to look again at withdrawing
the less popular routes.

Question 6 - what do you think about proposals to devolve bus registration powers to Wales? How should these be used?

Don't really feel knowledgeable enough to make
informed comments on this issue.

Question 7 - please tell us whether you think further powers to regulate the bus industry in Wales are required and why?

Depends upon how decisions are reached

Question 8 - what other action can be taken to ensure that bus and community transport services meet the needs of people in Wales?

Regular feedback, collected in a more efficient method than relying on comments by service users, ^{collected by drivers} this feedback to be taken note of and passengers needs to be recognised and respected.

Please tell us anything else you would like to mention ^{on?} this topic, thank you for contributing to our inquiry.

The residents in small villages feel their needs are not recognised and that just because buses would not always be full they are not required. In particular Rowen has been excluded from the N°19 route, it is a short detour from the main route and was a lifeline to a number of elderly residents who rely entirely upon public transport making access to Drs, shopping, railway station extremely difficult, denying them a higher level of independence.