

Motion submitted by Councillor Dr Haq Nawaz

BUS SERVICES IN FENLAND

Council notes that the proposed changes to bus services in Fenland are not commensurate with the needs of rural communities of the district. Such lack of public transport contributes to social isolation, inability to take full advantage of educational and employment opportunities, and to take care of the health needs of the residents.

The Local Transport and Connectivity Plan (LTCP) evidently falls short of its own commitment to "...make transport more accessible to everyone."

The Council further notes that the proposed three-fold increase in the Mayoral precept to £36 to pay for the wholly inadequate bus service 'improvements' cannot be justified or supported.

Given that the district has some the country's most deprived wards and concomitant health inequalities, FDC resolves to call upon the Mayor to review the LTCP and proposed bus service provision in order to address the needs of residents of Fenland.