

## Overview and Scrutiny report

# Gloucestershire Economic Growth Scrutiny Committee

Tuesday 31 October

On Tuesday 31st October, I attended a joint meeting of the Gloucestershire Economic Growth Scrutiny Committee (GEGSC) shared with the Environment Scrutiny Committee.

[Link to Agenda](#)

There were two items on the agenda:

- 1) An update on the emerging Gloucestershire Economic Strategy; and
- 2) Consideration of a report on the Bus Service Improvement Plan.

The Gloucestershire Economic Strategy is out for consultation until mid November, and a finished version will go to Cabinet "early in 2024". It is fair to say that at this stage it is more a 'strategy for developing the strategy'. One of the graphics in the presentation is a mind-map answering the question "what is missing?". And if there are still things missing, it would be good to know ASAP.

You can watch Ben Watts presentation:

[Environment Scrutiny Committee - Tuesday 31 October 2023, 10:00am - Gloucestershire County Council Webcasting](#)

The item starts two minutes in.

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Ben is very good at distilling the essence of the report without simply regurgitating what's written. As ever, the best bits are some the Q&A afterwards, so there's no real substitute for watching it.

Again for those interested in Transport, there is a lot of valuable information. I've copied in the agenda as it includes links to the underlying reports. One of the most positive developments is the expansion of the Robin 'dial a ride' service in the rural parts of Gloucestershire. See [here](#)

#### 4. [Public Transport Network Review](#) PDF 347 KB

To consider the attached report on the Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP+) funding.

Update reports on Mass Rapid Transport and Rail Services in Gloucestershire were recently considered at July's Gloucestershire Economic Growth meeting. Please use the following links to view these:

[Mass Rapid Transport](#)

[Rail Services](#)

[Minutes of the meeting](#)

Councillor Paul McCloskey  
10 November 2023