

**QUESTION NO 27**

**By Councillor Cowdy for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 1 June 2023**

- City Mobility Plan 2021-2030, Policy Measure MOVEMENT 2 - Bus Network Review states:  
*“Review the city’s bus network to better align with the Council’s strategic priorities including improving accessibility, integration and reducing congestion in the city centre.”*
- Draft Public Transport Action Plan 2030 –  
Page 30, Item 8, Bus Network Review, states:  
*“As this plan (Circulation Plan) is implemented, we will agree an evolved integrated public transport system including stops, routes and public transport interchanges.”*  
Page 36, Item 11, Improve Governance and Co-ordination, states:  
*“We will therefore deliver new governance for Council owned public transport services with the new company set to be in place in 2023.”*
- Transport & Environment Committee, Feb 2023, approved a delivery programme based on the draft Public Transport Action Plan (PTAP)
- Elected Member training – Lothian Buses, 16<sup>th</sup> May
  - i) Lothian Buses supported the principle that they need to remain a fully commercial operator to “remain competitive, offer best value, and deliver a cross-subsidised holistic network”.
  - ii) Several Councillors raised important issues about the lack of influence the Council has on Lothian Buses including changes to Routes and Timetables.

**In light of the above:**

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| <b>Question</b> | <b>(1)</b> Does the Convener expect Improved Governance of a new Public Transport Company will provide CEC with more influence over bus Routes and Timetables? |
| <b>Answer</b>   | <b>(1)</b>   |

**Question** (2) When will the Convener be bringing ideas on how to Improve Governance to Transport & Environment Committee for debate?

**Answer** (2)

**Question** (3) Does the Convener still believe a new Public Transport Company will be in place in 2023?

**Answer** (3)

**Question** (4) When will the Bus Network Review be scheduled?

**Answer** (4)