

Notice of Motion – Rule 12

Councillor A Dowden will move that:

Test Valley Borough Council resolves to write to Central Government to urge that funding for concessionary bus fares is significantly increased so that the £652 million annual funding gap is addressed.

Over the past decade, across England, 3000 local bus routes have been lost or reduced through lack of government funding.

A new study by the Campaign for Better Transport predicts a continued spiraling decline in bus service provision.

The Local Government Association warned unless Central Government funding is increased, half of all the remaining bus routes are also at risk from the £652 million annual funding shortfall for the provision of concessionary bus fares.

Test Valley residents, particularly the elderly and young people, require good public transport services to enable them to lead a fulfilled and active lifestyle.

Our recent motion on Climate Emergency has prompted us to need to consider a change of emphasis on our individual use of the car and look to use more public transport.

The government have a duty to enable a full service of public transport, not to just continue, but to be increased for the sake of the environment.

Councillor Gwynne will second the motion.