

QUESTION BY COUNCILLOR**Question submitted by: Councillor Mark Coker****To Cabinet Member:** Cabinet Member for Transport, Councillor Jonathan Drea**Question:**

Can you tell me what plans you have for tendered bus services in the city due to upcoming process of retendering and how many of our tendered services are under threat?

Response: (for completion by City Council officers and Cabinet Members)

Ten non-commercial routes have recently been re-tendered. Officers have put forward a number of options for potential contract award and these are currently being considered in line with the wider budget challenges the Council is facing. Officers have been creative in their recommendations, ensuring that all relevant S106 funding is utilised alongside the non-commercial routes budget to retain as much of the non-commercial routes network as possible.

However, it should also be noted that in April the Council stepped in to support four routes that had been operated on a commercial basis for many years, but where operators felt they were no longer viable following the reduction in government funding as we come out of the pandemic. Of these, three of the routes have now reverted to commercial operation, albeit with some alterations to routing and frequency. The remaining service has been included as one of the ten routes put out to tender.

A further new route serving Saltram Meadow was also included in the tender following the team successfully securing S106 developer contributions.

Signed: Councillor Jonathan Drea**Dated:** 07/10/2022