

On Board



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James Freeman, Managing Director, First West of England

metrobus marks major milestone

Launched in May 2018, metrobus has already carried over 1 million customers, exceeding all expectations. The three metrobus routes represent an investment of £230m into one of the largest projects of its kind in the city region.

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James Freeman addresses the business community

Business leaders join the debate

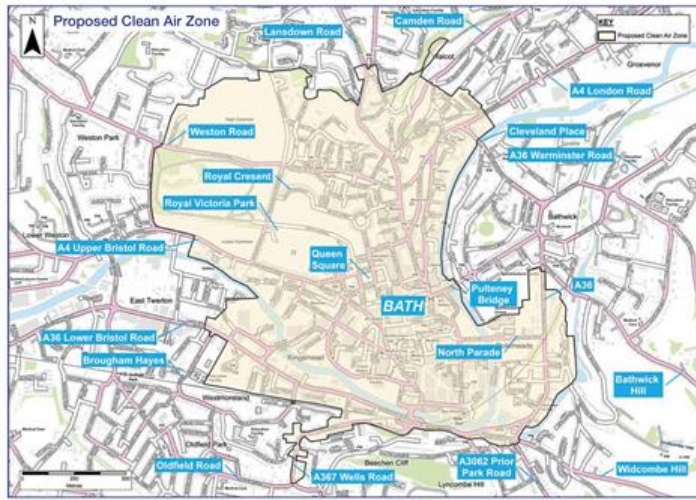
The business community came together at a recent public transport summit to discuss the need for major investment and innovative approaches to worker travel in the region.

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Tackling air quality in Bath

BaNES are proposing a 'Clean Air Zone' to tackle air quality in the city, and we're working with them to access government funding to upgrade our fleet.

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Map showing the proposed Clean Air Zone



'Queue Buster' buses were deployed at peak travel times

'Queue Busters' battling congestion in Bristol

A £150k investment saw 20 extra buses on the roads of Bristol in the run up to Christmas, in a bid to battle congestion.

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Driver training partnership is hailed a success

First West of England teamed up with Bristol-based ACH to help refugees in the city find work and build new careers. Following a successful trial in December, First have agreed to continue the scheme.

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ACH trainees take their first step on a new career path



Solar panels installed at Hengrove depot

Bus depots going solar!

Over 1000 solar panels have been fitted at bus depots in Bristol, as part of First's commitment to reducing their carbon footprint.

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