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To: sirmichaellyons@lyonsinquiry.org

Subject: Bus services in Southend-on-sea

Dear Sir Michael,

We in Southend have had to remove certain useful bus services as we can no longer afford to subsidise them.(5m deficit) The bus fares are too high on the services that are left and where the service has been taken away, we find that people both young and old are now left high and dry. Incarcerated is probably the best way to put it!

The whole system of public transport is in desperate need of overhaul, we need to get people out of their cars and back on the buses and trains but at a fare that everybody can afford. A national scheme of Congestion Charge could be part of the answer but will not be received happily by everyone.

Regards,

***Jim Clinkscales - Councillor
Blenheim Park Ward***