

Press release from Dr Nik Johnson, Mayor of Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority published in Cambridge News 22 October 2022

“Last night, I instructed Combined Authority officers to start an urgent process with bus operators with the aim of continuing as many of the bus routes as possible that are set to be cut by Stagecoach from October 30.

The process will take about three weeks to finish and the aim is to keep as many of these services running as possible through to March 2023.

Any decision to keep bus routes going will be put to the Combined Authority Board for approval when it meets on October 19, and after the three-week process has worked out all the options.

It does therefore unfortunately mean a short wait while the Combined Authority looks for bus operators for the routes, but we will be keeping the public updated as soon as we have information to share.”

He continued:

“While stepping in to support bus services is necessary in the short term, it is clearly not sustainable in the long term. There has already been a severe lack of national investment and vision for buses going back decades. Covid-19 has brought many of the issues around passenger numbers, especially in rural areas and in our market towns, to a head.

“Change and a new future for our whole bus system is needed. The Combined Authority has been working on that new future through a dedicated Bus Strategy with the aim of providing high quality services for passengers, wherever they live and whatever their income.”