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Good afternoon everyone,

Thank you to everyone that was able to join us across the 2 sessions on 12th and 17th September. It was fantastic to see new members and we hope the numbers of user groups involved continue to increase each time.

Please find attached the combined minutes across both sessions. It can make the document fairly long when we combine both meetings, but we feel this is more useful so everyone can see the themes discussed at both sessions. If you feel there is a better way for you to receive this please let me know.

Some information and action updates for you:

- If you haven't already, please register or subscribe to our Public Transport in the Community website: www.letstalk.swindon.gov.uk/public-transport-in-the-community where we post updates, polls and surveys and hopefully newsletters in the near future.
- I have attached a blank feedback form for our new members. For any compliments or complaints, you can go directly to the operator, or you can fill this form out and send it to me and Bryony to discuss directly with the operators.
- Please review your user group name in the minutes if you joined us this month, and tell me if you want this corrected.
- For those that were interested in bus franchising, I attended the National Bus Strategy Forum yesterday that had a focus on the Better Buses Bill. The Bill team couldn't provide specific information at this time but did say the Bill will provide options for what most suits each LTA, e.g. franchising or an evolved EP, but a focus on LTA design of the network. No firm timings on the Bill but within next 12 months. All LTAs raised concerns over securing funding and staff resource to deliver this. Let's see what more comes from this over the next few months.
- Lastly, I have received a response from **Stagecoach** about the Wroughton timetables that you raised, Cllr Hooper. They are expecting these to be changed next week, or the week after at the latest. Stagecoach have also confirmed that they have no plans to remove services from the bus station in the evenings, which is expected as they have offices at the station. Finally, they have informed us that Travelpass Smartcards will no longer be provided by drivers on Swindon's Bus Company buses, but Stagecoach will continue to issue these on

the bus and at the Travel Shop at the bus station. We've asked Swindon's Bus to confirm this but I have seen an article on the [BBC](#).

I will book the next meetings shortly but please don't hesitate to email me in the meantime with any queries or experiences.

Best wishes,

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