**Notice of Motion to Council**

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| To be referred to Committee (if yes, specify which committee) | ~~Yes/~~No **Full Council** |
| Title of Motion | Concern at Reduction in Rail Services to Weymouth |
| Proposed by | Cllr Wakeling |
| Seconded by | Cllrs Barrow, Brookes, Frost, Gray, James, Harris, Huckle, Lambert, Legg, Orrell, Northam, Roos, Taylor, Weaving, Whatley, Wheller & Winter |
| Proposed Resolution | For Weymouth Town Council to:  a. Express our regret and disappointment of the reduction of this critical railway service.  b. Write to:  • Claire Mann, Managing Director, South Western Railway  • Mark Hopwood, Managing Director, Great Western Railway  • BCP - Cllr Mike Greene, Portfolio Holder for Transport and Sustainability  • DC - Cllr Ray Bryan, Portfolio Holder for Highways, Travel and Environment  • Chris Heaton-Harris MP, Minister of State for Railways  • Richard Drax MP,  • Chris Loder MP  Requesting that the two railway companies:  • Engage more with rail users from Weymouth & wider Dorset.  • Urgently improve train provision to Weymouth along both lines  • Increased services early in the morning and later in the evening  • Restore our direct services to Waterloo  • Investigate modern season ticket types, eg. work one or two days per week in London  • Provide more capacity over school holidays and the holiday season particularly with the current uncertainty over international holidays  • To have the public toilets at Weymouth station opened when the station is manned (potentially as part of the planned gateway improvement) |
| Background (provided by the proposer) | In the new railway timetables from 16 May:  • The SWR (South Western Railway) service on Monday-Friday & Sundays, Weymouth will be served by one train per hour [Pre-pandemic, two trains per hour went direct to Waterloo, one fast, one slow]. The current Saturday services still has two trains per hour.  • The first train leaves Weymouth at 05:55, and arrives at Waterloo at 08:50. (There are earlier trains from Poole, which may be parked overnight at Weymouth Station) The second service of the day, which departed Weymouth at 06:25 has been removed. If you are working in London at 9am, this gives you under 10 minutes to get from Waterloo Station to your place of work.  • The last train leaves Waterloo at 20:35 and arrives in Weymouth at 23:20. This is too early for anyone to go to the theatre in London or to watch an evening football match in Southampton and get home to Weymouth afterwards. There was previously a service from WAT 21:35- > 00:25 WEY  • The GWR (Great Western Railway) line continues to have 8 services per day (5 on Sundays) in each direction. There is a 2.5-3 hour gap between some services.  A reliable railway service is essential for the future of our town (and other towns on the routes, and our surrounding areas) for the following reasons:  • The road infrastructure in Dorset is so poor, we are particularly isolated without a strong rail link.  • The climate emergency - we need to encourage people to drive less & use public transport more, not the other way around.  • Weymouth, Chickerell & Portland have 72,000 residents and Weymouth Station is our main link to the rest of the UK. In the Summer the area receives up to 50,000 visitors per day, yet almost all of them come by private car as the public transport provision is poor and over-priced.  • Many people living in large cities such as London or Birmingham do not own a car, and would be put off from visiting Weymouth & South Dorset without a reliable public transport link.  • Our railway franchisees should be partners working to create a transport interchange hub at this terminus of the line, where people can easily transfer to other modes of transport including local busses & active travel. |
| Background (provided by the Proper Officer) | As above |
| Financial implication (anticipated by the proposer) | Officer time to send a letter |
| Financial implications (anticipated by the Proper Officer) | None |
| Legal implications | None |
| Proposers signature | Cllr Luke Wakeling |
| Seconders signature |  |

Standing Orders 9 and 10 apply to notices of motion (see over)

Components in blue to be completed by the Member putting the motion

Components in white to be completed by the Proper Officer or their delegate

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| Proposal carried or fallen |  |
| Minute reference |  |
| If rejected, explanation. |  |

Standing Order extracts

1. **MOTIONS FOR A MEETING THAT REQUIRE WRITTEN NOTICE TO BE GIVEN TO THE PROPER OFFICER**
   1. A motion shall relate to the responsibilities of the meeting for which it is tabled and, in any event, shall relate to the performance of the Council’s statutory functions, powers and obligations or an issue which specifically affects the Council’s area or its residents
   2. No motion may be moved at a meeting unless it is on the agenda and the mover has given written notice of its wording to the Proper Officer at least 7 clear days before the meeting. Clear days do not include the day of the notice or the day of the meeting
   3. The Proper Officer may, before including a motion on the agenda received in accordance with standing order 9.2, correct obvious grammatical or typographical errors in the wording of the motion
   4. If the Proper Officer considers the wording of a motion received in accordance with standing order 9.2 is not clear in meaning, the motion shall be rejected until the mover of the motion resubmits it, so that it can be understood, in writing, to the Proper Officer at least 3 clear days before the meeting
   5. If the wording or subject of a proposed motion is considered improper, the Proper Officer shall consult with the chairman of the forthcoming meeting or, as the case may be, the councillors who have convened the meeting, to consider whether the motion shall be included in the agenda or rejected
   6. The decision of the Proper Officer as to whether or not to include the motion on the agenda shall be final
   7. Motions received shall be recorded and numbered in the order that they are received
   8. Motions rejected shall be recorded with an explanation by the Proper Officer of the reason for rejection
2. **MOTIONS AT A MEETING THAT DO NOT REQUIRE WRITTEN NOTICE**
   1. The following motions may be moved at a meeting without written notice to the Proper Officer:
      1. To correct a factual inaccuracy in the draft minutes of a meeting
      2. To move to a vote
      3. To defer consideration of a motion
      4. To refer a motion to a particular committee or sub-committee
      5. To appoint a person to preside at a meeting
      6. To change the order of business on the agenda
      7. To proceed to the next business on the agenda
      8. To require a written report
      9. To appoint a committee or sub-committee and their members
      10. To extend the time limits for speaking
      11. To exclude the press and public from a meeting in respect of confidential or other information which is prejudicial to the public interest
      12. To not hear further from a councillor or a member of the public
      13. To exclude a councillor or member of the public for disorderly conduct
      14. To temporarily suspend the meeting
      15. To suspend a particular Standing Order (unless it reflects mandatory statutory or legal requirements)
      16. To adjourn the meeting or
      17. To close the meeting