



## 2. Fare rises on the Severn Beach Line (proposed by WELEP Friday 13 Jan 2017)

### Preamble

FOSBR notes the proposals for fare rises on the Severn Beach Line: 33% or 50% for both zonal single and return fares; 56% and 58% for monthly and annual season tickets; that weekly tickets no longer offer any saving. Whilst we recognise that prices have been unchanged since 2008, these are steep rises that will most affect those on lower incomes who are more likely to buy daily or weekly tickets.

By raising fares government, GWR and the local authorities risk reducing passenger numbers and the attractiveness of the line. The West of England authorities should celebrate the fact that Severn Beach Line fares are low and promote social equality and decreased road congestion.

Great Western Railway and the local authorities claim that these fare increases will help pay for as yet unnamed rail improvements. They are proposed to take effect at the same time as new rolling stock is introduced, which implies a service improvement linked to fare rises.

**FOSBR AGM Resolves:** FOSBR urges GWR to delay any fare increases until the proposed smartcard scheme is introduced in Sept 2017, as FOSBR anticipates that the income will rise considerably due to improved fare collection. Should the proposed fare increases occur FOSBR wants to see real improvements (not existing planned changes) that show progress towards MetroWest. As a minimum we would expect improvements to the current lamentable service to St Andrews Road and/or Severn Beach (to enable better commuting to industrial sites), and the gap in the timetable between the 20.03 and 21.37 departures from Avonmouth to Bristol to be filled. **(Resolution passed 28 for, 1 abstention)**

### 3. Support for We Own It and Let Bristol Breathe

**a) FOSBR AGM resolves:** to give a donation of £50 to both We Own It to support the valuable work We Own It does to alert the public to the issue of public ownership, as the most efficient use of government funds and organisation. **(Passed 26 for, 3 against, no abstention)**

**b) FOSBR AGM resolves:** to give a donation of £50 to Let Bristol Breathe, by committing to campaigning for rail and for electrification of regional and local rail lines. **(Passed 28 for, 1 abstention)**

Proposal to increase Severn Beach Line Fares						
Journey		Current Fare		Proposed Fare		
		All Day	Equivalent Price per day*	All Day	Change	Equivalent Price per day*
		(£)	(£)	(£)	(£ / %)	(£)
Single	short hop	-	-	2.00	0 / 0%	-
	1 Zone	1.50	-	2.00	0.50 / 33%	-
	2 Zone	2.00	-	3.00	1.00 / 50%	-
Return	1 Zone	2.00	-	3.00	1.00 / 50%	-
	2 Zone	3.00	-	4.00	1.00 / 33%	-
7 day season	1 Zone	6.00	1.20	10.00	4.00 / 67%	2.00
	2 Zone	9.00	1.80	15.00	6.00 / 67%	3.00
Monthly season	1 Zone	23.10	1.15	36.00	12.90 / 56%	1.80
	2 Zone	34.60	1.73	48.00	13.40 / 39%	2.40
Annual Season	1 Zone	240.00	1.00	380.00	140.00 / 58%	1.58
	2 Zone	360.00	1.50	500.00	140.00 / 39%	2.08

