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Dear Cllr Dnes

Issues raised at STARS

At Monday night's meeting you raised passenger transport questions relating to early morning buses and the production of the timetable.

We have been increasing the number of pre 0700 journeys and there are more now than there were 3-4 years ago. At that time a review was undertaken with MK Metro and 22 early morning services were introduced. These were routes into CMK and the timings were designed to facilitate linkage with the Virgin train service. While some of these services were clearly successful, others had low levels of patronage and were therefore withdrawn. Currently 12 services offer pre 0700 journeys. We will be reviewing this as part of our annual assessment of supported services.

The leaflet type timetables were introduced following criticism about the old timetable book from a number of people, including the bus operator. The new leaflets have actually been very well received although I can understand the draw back for people who undertake multiple journeys. We will be trialling a local area booklet in April and will roll that out if it is successful.

Yours sincerely



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