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# Bus Users Cymru policy on Regional Transport Services Grant

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### **As a core principle Bus Users Cymru opposes any reductions in funding for bus services.**

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Funding is necessary and worthwhile because bus services

- are vital to the local (and therefore Wales-wide) economy;
- widen the labour pool for employers (and conversely open up wider opportunities for people to access work);
- link people to vital services such as education and health services (and often these have been centralised to save elsewhere in the public purse, requiring people to travel further to them);
- open up isolated communities to the wider world;
- open up other life-enhancing opportunities

all in a way that is sustainable.

Most importantly, people without access to private transport, whether through limited income, health issues, age (young or old), disability etc are given access to such opportunities by bus services.

They also provide a sustainable alternative for car users and may enable a family to manage with one car rather than two.

Kilometre reimbursement and other forms of public funding for bus services enable a wider network of services to be run at a lower cost than would otherwise be the case.

However, we are in a situation of funding constraints and will be taking part in all discussions and consultations in connection with making best use of the available funds.

Bus Users Cymru's bus compliance officers are responsible for the monitoring of RTSG kilometre reimbursement and will be working alongside bus operators and local authorities.

More information can be found at;

[www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-business-fourth-assembly-written-ministerial-statements/dat20130117-e.pdf?langoption=3&ttl=Bus%20Services%20in%20Wales%20\(PDF%2C%20189KB\)](http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-business-fourth-assembly-written-ministerial-statements/dat20130117-e.pdf?langoption=3&ttl=Bus%20Services%20in%20Wales%20(PDF%2C%20189KB))