

CABINET 18 January 2023
PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Question from:	John Farrelly	
Subject:	Park & Ride	
Portfolio Holder:	Ian Nellins	Approved
<p>Why are bus drivers being used on park and ride services when there is a shortage of drivers on normal routes .I live in Shrewsbury and every day see P and R buses most ly empty.This is whilst standing in pouring rain waiting on a bus that is unlikely to arrive.</p> <p>Shrewsbury Park & Ride is an important and valued service operated by Arriva on behalf of Shropshire Council. This service helps to relieve congestion within the town centre and along approach roads and also helps the environmental externalities that have accompanied increasing traffic levels.</p> <p>The Council are aware of recent issues regarding service delivery on some local bus services operated by Arriva and they have always prioritised services operated on behalf of Shropshire Council. These drivers are employed by Arriva and it is the Arriva Managers who decide on the deployment of drivers to the services and not the Council. However Arriva have confirmed that 99.18% of service mileage in Shrewsbury has operated as scheduled this week, so they are seeing positive improvements across their network moving forward.</p>		