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SEWTA WELCOMES MAJOR INVESTMENT IN BUS FLEET

Transport alliance Sewta has applauded the decision of Stagecoach to invest in a new bus fleet serving Cwmbran.

A total of 17 brand new, low-floor Optare Solo buses have been bought at a cost of £1.3m for Cwmbran Town Services. These vehicles represent the very latest in clean engine technology and meet new European standards so reducing carbon emissions and environmental impact.

The Chair of Sewta **Councillor Jeffrey James** of the Vale of Glamorgan said: “This kind of investment will significantly improve the bus travel experience of passengers in Cwmbran. We applaud Stagecoach for improving the quality of sustainable transport in South East Wales - a priority at the heart of Sewta’s Regional Transport Plan - and with reduced carbon emissions lessening the environmental impact of their bus fleet.”

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Note to editors:

Sewta is the alliance of local authorities charged with developing transport policy and delivering public transport projects on behalf of the 10 local authorities in South East Wales and their partners, both in the operating industry and in organisations representing passengers’ interests.

Sewta’s membership includes the local authorities of Blaenau Gwent, Bridgend, Caerphilly, Cardiff, Merthyr Tydfil, Monmouthshire, Newport, Rhondda Cynon Taf, Torfaen and the Vale of Glamorgan. Partners are the Confederation of Passenger Transport, Arriva Trains Wales, Network Rail, Bus Users UK, Passenger Focus and Sustrans. Sewta works closely with the Welsh Assembly Government.

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