

BRADFORD DISTRICT CONSULTATION SUB- COMMITTEE

**MEETING TO BE HELD AT 2.00 PM ON MONDAY, 22 MARCH 2021
DUE TO COVID-19, THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD REMOTELY AND
WILL BE LIVESTREAMED HERE:**

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- 1. OPEN FORUM**
Open session for members of the public to ask a question, raise a concern or provide feedback.
- 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 3. DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**
Transport Committee members only.
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**Director, Transport Services
West Yorkshire Combined Authority**



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BRADFORD DISTRICT CONSULTATION SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY, 19 OCTOBER 2020 AT A REMOTE MEETING

Present:

Councillor Taj Salam (Chair)	Transport Committee
Councillor Sinead Engel	Bradford Council
James Craig (Public Representative)	Public Representative
David Hill (Public Representative)	Public Representative
Andrew Jewsbury (Public Representative)	Public Representative
Graham Peacock (Public Representative)	Public Representative
John Prestage (Public Representative)	Public Representative

In attendance:

Pete Myers	Arriva Rail North Limited
Dwayne Wells	Arriva Yorkshire
Mohammed Raja	First Group
Nabila Ayab	Careers and Technical Education Partnership
Richard Issac	TransDev
Andrew Bradley	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Janette Woodcock	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Dominic Martin	West Yorkshire Combined Authority

30. Open Forum

Graham Peacock highlighted that pocket timetables and timetable displays had been widely removed from bus stations during the pandemic and that members of the public without access to smartphones could therefore have difficulty effectively utilising bus services. In response, the Sub-Committee was advised that additional roadside displays and pocket timetables were due to be issued in the next few weeks.

Nabila Ayub from Careers and Technical Education Partnership advised the Sub-Committee of her organisation's work with young people showcasing career paths available in the district and in improving opportunities for engagement with students. She requested that operators contact her after the meeting if they were interested in being involved. The Chair thanked her for

this and noted the importance of this engagement with young people.

Transdev thanked young people across the district for taking part in a Dragon's Den challenge with the rail industry and noted that their work could be seen at Saltaire, Shipley, and Bradford Interchange stations.

No other questions or concerns had been raised from members of the public prior to the meeting.

31. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence received from Councillor Michael Ellis and Councillor Hassan Khan.

32. Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were no pecuniary interests declared by Members at the meeting.

33. Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

There were no items which required the exemption of the press or public.

34. Minutes of the meeting held on 21 October 2019

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 21 October 2019 be approved.

35. Minutes of the joint DCSC held on 17 July 2020

Resolved: That the minutes of the joint meeting of the District Consultation Sub-Committees held on 17 July 2020 be noted.

36. Chair's Update

The Chair reported that bus service levels had risen from roughly 5% across the district at the beginning of lockdown to 90% of services running with between 50% to 60% patronage. Traffic volumes were increasing and rail services were running as normal, although the numbers of passengers were significantly below what would be expected for this time of year.

It was reported that as required by the Emergency Active Travel funding agreement, a number of arterial roads had been marked with lanes for cyclists and pedestrians. A report from the Bradford Cycling campaign providing feedback on the new cycling facilities was distributed to members after the meeting. The question was raised of whether more could be done to ensure cyclists did not cycle on footpaths; the Chair responded that this message would be pushed wherever possible through district programmes.

The Sub-Committee discussed capacity issues on buses and the need for a bigger community focus on cycling. Concerns regarding the safety of bus drivers were also raised and the Sub-Committee noted the arrangements in

place to protect drivers.

It was noted that the West Yorkshire Combined Authority had been awarded a single payment of £1.086 million revenue funding to support bus services in the region. The pandemic had delayed a number of initiatives intended to utilise this fund, but three had been completed:

- A Keighley to Halifax via Denholm service
- New links between east Leeds and five local towns
- A Barnsley/Doncaster to southeast Wakefield service

The rest of this fund had been put in a contingency plan pot with the agreement of the Department for Transport.

It was noted that Yorkshire Tiger had given notice of early termination of their contract in the Shipley and Bradford area. These services had been given to TLC, with Transdev taking over the airport service.

37. Information Report

It was noted that on-going traffic light installation at Greengates in Bradford had caused delays to bus services in the area. These delays would be likely to continue until after Christmas, but after completion it was expected the new traffic lights would be of great benefit to bus service provision.

The Sub-Committee was advised that operators were still reviewing their services to ensure they would be able to prioritise resources to meet demand, but noted this was a rapidly changing environment.

It was reported that the Combined Authority had applied for Emergency Active Travel funding from the Department for Transport and had been successful in its application for tranche one. An application for further funding from tranche two had been submitted and a response was expected in the near future.

Resolved: That the information report and Sub-Committee's comments be noted.

38. Operators Updates

First Group

First Group informed the Sub-Committee of the measures they had implemented to prevent the spread of Covid-19.

It was highlighted that First Group had committed to operate as a zero-emissions bus company nationally by 2035 and did not plan to purchase any new diesel buses after 2022.

The Sub-Committee was advised that First Group had held discussions with Councillor Alex Ross-Shaw regarding the Bradford-Shipley corridor, with the aim of pushing traffic onto Canal Road and improving the reliability of the bus

service on Manningham Lane. First Group was now waiting for evidence regarding the service's ability to handle these traffic volumes and the staging of required work.

Some punctuality issues had been observed on Wakefield Road, and First Group would continue to monitor this.

First Group discussed their support for the Bradford bid to be the 2025 Capital of Culture bid, and noted they were available to assist with this in any way possible.

Discussions were ongoing with National Power Grid regarding future roadworks in Bradford. A recent unexpected road closure would mean that no bus services would be running in Wilsden for a period of five weeks. First Group had only become aware of this on 6 October and had been working with the Combined Authority to implement an emergency bus service into Bingley. Some customer complaints were expected, but little could be done due to the short notice received. There was some concern raised regarding the possibility of future problems further along the route of the proposed works.

Transdev

Transdev informed the Sub-Committee of the measures they had implemented to prevent the spread of Covid-19.

It was reported that an electric vehicle would be trialled on the shuttle service between Keighley and Bradford, with the hope of this service becoming all-electric if the trial went well.

The Sub-Committee was informed that Phil Jolly had left Transdev to work for the Combined Authority. The Sub-Committee noted its thanks to Phil Jolly for all his work in his previous role, as well as their thanks to bus drivers throughout the district for the care and courtesy they had shown over the course of the pandemic. The Chair welcomed David Issacs Service Delivery Manager at Transdev, who would be attending future Sub-Committee meetings.

Arriva

Arriva noted that despite a drop in peak-time demand, particularly for services travelling into Bradford City Centre, demand had returned to normal for some services. Due to the need for social distancing, extra journeys had been added to the timetables of the three busiest bus services.

The Sub-Committee was advised that as part of the West Yorkshire Bus Alliance, Arriva was currently in the process of retrofitting exhausts to a Euro 6 emissions standard, and that this programme had been made possible by the Combined Authority's successful bid to the Clean Bus Technology fund.

Northern

Northern advised that many changes had been made to services in a short period of time, with six timetables introduced since the start of the pandemic as services were gradually reinstated. They had also introduced a new flexible season ticket which would allow people only working for part of the week to take the advantage of a season ticket discount. This was in operation throughout West Yorkshire and proving popular.

It was noted that during the summer months there had been an upsurge in patronage on leisure services to tourist and retail areas, but this had now dropped following the reopening of schools and colleges in September. Northern thanked the Combined Authority for their help in providing standby buses during the first week of the reopening of schools, particularly on the Wharfedale line, before the new timetable had come into place. A full timetable had now resumed on these lines.

It was reported that compliance with mask guidance had been improving, with well over 90% compliance, particularly since masks had become compulsory in retail premises.

In respect of local lockdowns, Northern advised that they were liaising closely with local authorities to ensure that their communications and messaging were in harmony.

Resolved: That the operators were thanked for their updates.

39. Workshop Session - Carbon Reduction Pathways

The Sub-Committee was given a presentation on West Yorkshire carbon emission reduction pathways which was one of the significant areas of activity being undertaken by the Combined Authority to tackle the climate emergency.

It was reported that the Combined Authority had commissioned a study to identify potential carbon emission reduction pathways and the interventions that need to be implemented if the net zero carbon 2038 target were to be achieved.

The following comments and questions were discussed:

- The role of cargo bikes for small business owners and traders, particularly in city centres, alongside a 'hub, spoke and last mile' delivery process.
- The potential rollout of electric trains or other alternative to diesel trains, such as hydrogen trains.
- Whether it would be practical to persuade a large enough segment of the public to change their travel habits.

The dangers of catching Covid-19 on public transport were also discussed, and the point made that there was no evidence currently available showing that public transport carried any extra risk.

The Sub-Committee was thanked for their feedback. They were asked to forward any further comments to the Combined Authority.

Resolved: That the presentation and the Sub-Committee's feedback be noted.



Report to: Bradford District Consultation Sub Committee

Date: 22 March 2021

Subject: **Information Report**

Director(s): Dave Pearson, Director of Transport Services

Author(s): Various

1. Purpose of this report

- 1.1 To update the sub-committee on matters of information relating to the Bradford District.
- 1.2 Updates on regional and national issues are covered in the papers for Transport Committee, the latest set are available on the following link; [Transport Committee Meeting 12 March 2021](#)
- 1.3 A list of current projects in Bradford District where there is current activity is provided at Appendix 1

2. Information

Bus Services

- 2.1 In line with government guidance, bus service levels have been constantly adapted throughout this pandemic.
- 2.2 Services are currently temporarily reduced, however bus operators started to reinstate service levels from 8th March. This initially focused on bringing Monday-Friday timetables back to normal levels so that all school journeys can be made. Some weekend services will remain reduced.
- 2.3 There will then be a further ramp up of services from 12 April when non-essential retail opens. This should then bring service levels back to normal.
- 2.4 It is recognised that the impact of COVID will have a longer term effect on patronage levels and therefore there is a risk to the viability of some services when COVID government funding is reduced/withdrawn. The Combined Authority is liaising with the Department for Transport to understand what

funding will be available to help support the recovery of the bus network going forward.

Active Travel - Emergency Active Travel Fund

- 2.5 West Yorkshire Combined Authority and our Partner Councils are working to deliver a wide ranging programme of proposals to create more space for cycling and walking, funded through the Department for Transport's Active Travel Fund.
- 2.6 The Combined Authority received notification in November 2020 that it had been awarded the full amount requested for Active Travel Fund – Tranche 2 schemes from DfT. Our Tranche 2 proposals set out a programme of temporary and permanent infrastructure delivery across West Yorkshire, supported by accompanying behaviour change activities to enable more people to make use of the new infrastructure.
- 2.7 A list of the proposed schemes is available on the Combined authority website: [emergency-active-travel-fund-programmes.pdf \(westyorks-ca.gov.uk\)](https://www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/emergency-active-travel-fund-programmes.pdf)
- 2.8 A consultation plan has been developed in partnership with the districts and has been published on the Combined Authority website [active-travel-tranche-2-west-yorkshire-consultation-plan.pdf \(westyorks-ca.gov.uk\)](https://www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/active-travel-tranche-2-west-yorkshire-consultation-plan.pdf)
- 2.9 Consultation activity will be undertaken over the next few months and feedback will be considered before construction work commences on a scheme. Details of the consultations will be added to [Your Voice](#).

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 That the information report be noted.

4. Background Documents

None.

5. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Current Project Activity Bradford March 2021

Bradford MDC – Current project activity (March 2021)

Project	Scheme Description	Key Information
Urban Traffic Management Control	<p>Integration of five District Urban Traffic Control Centres to a single cloud system</p> <p>Integration of the five traffic management systems.</p>	<p>Started March 2020 Due to complete March 2021</p> <p>Due to start March 2021 Due to complete March 2022</p>
ULEV Taxi Scheme	88 rapid chargers for electric vehicles across the whole of West Yorkshire	Completion July 2021
Leeds-Liverpool Canal (CityConnect)	Improvements to the canal towpath between Shipley and Apperley Bridge to deliver a better quality active travel route	Consultation completed and supportive. Due on site Autumn 2021
Leeds-Liverpool Canal (CityConnect)	Improvements to the canal towpath between Silsden and WY Boundary (towards Kildwick) to deliver a better quality active travel route	Consultation completed and supportive. Due on site Autumn 2021
Harrogate Road/ New Line	Junction improvements as part of the Corridor Improvement Programme, to reduce congestion and reliability issues	On site, due to complete Winter 21/22
Horton Road/ Horton Grange	Junction improvements as part of the Corridor Improvement Programme, to reduce congestion and reliability issues	Due to start on site Winter 21/22, complete Summer 23
Cutler Heights/ Dick Lane	Junction improvements as part of the Corridor Improvement Programme, to reduce congestion and reliability issues	Consultation on the proposed scheme forecast to be run in June 21

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Report to: Bradford District Consultation Sub Committee

Date: 15 March 2021

Subject: **Workshop Session – Connectivity Infrastructure Plan**

Director(s): Dave Pearson Director Transport Services

Author(s): Tom Gifford, Policy Manager, Head of Mass Transit

1. Information

- 1.1 The [Connectivity Infrastructure Plan](#) sets out a long-term transport infrastructure investment programme for the next 20 years, providing a picture of where improvements are most needed to enhance people’s quality of life and bring investment to the area.
- 1.2 It is built on detailed evidence on the role different types of transport can play:
- [Mass Transit 2040 Vision](#) - a bold and ambitious plan for a new form of transport for West Yorkshire.
 - [West Yorkshire Strategic Bus Network Review](#) – a review of the region’s core bus network and proposals for increasing the number of people travelling by bus
 - [West Yorkshire Rail Vision](#)– Setting out how better rail services can support our ambitions for the region
 - [Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans](#) – Proposals to improve infrastructure and remove barriers to people walking and cycling for more journeys
 - [Future Mobility Strategy](#) – a review of how transport technology and innovation can improve lives and reduce carbon emissions
- 1.3 Engagement on the West Yorkshire Connectivity Infrastructure Plan is now underway: www.yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/connectivity
- 1.4 A presentation on the Connectivity Infrastructure Plan will be given at the meeting and member’s views will be sought on how we develop these proposals further.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That the Sub-Committee's feedback be noted.

3. Background Documents

None

4. Appendices

None