

CALDERDALE DISTRICT CONSULTATION SUB- COMMITTEE

**MEETING TO BE HELD AT 2.00 PM ON TUESDAY, 13 OCTOBER 2020
AS A REMOTE MEETING – TO BE LIVESTREAMED HERE:
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A G E N D A

- 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. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**
Transport Committee members only.
- 4. EXEMPT INFORMATION - POSSIBLE EXCLUSION OF THE
PRESS AND PUBLIC**
- 5. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 OCTOBER 2019**
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2020**
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- 7. CHAIR'S UPDATE**
- 8. INFORMATION REPORT**
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- 9. OPERATOR UPDATES**
- 10. WORKSHOP SESSION - CARBON REDUCTION PATHWAYS**

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Khan', written in a cursive style.

**Director, Transport Services
West Yorkshire Combined Authority**



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CALDERDALE DISTRICT CONSULTATION SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2019 AT KING'S CENTRE, HALIFAX

Present:

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| Councillor Daniel Sutherland (Chair) | Transport Committee |
| John Sheppard (Deputy Chair) | Public Representative |
| Councillor Peter Caffrey | Transport Committee |
| Myra James (Public Representative) | Public Representative |
| Peter Melling (Public Representative) | Public Representative |
| Richard Potter (Public Representative) | Public Representative |
| John Whiteley (Public Representative) | Public Representative |
| Geoff Wood (Public Representative) | Public Representative |

In attendance

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| Edwin Swaris | West Yorkshire Combined Authority |
| Chris Harmour | First |
| Brandon Jones | First |
| Paul Atkins | First |
| Pete Myers | Arriva Rail North Limited |
| Ben Kearns | West Yorkshire Combined Authority |

1. Open Forum

The Sub-Committee was given the opportunity to raise any issues which were not covered on the agenda and the following comments were made:

- Members raised an issue around the extent to which consultations were advertised and whether they could be promoted further to reach a wider audience.
- Members expressed concern regarding the timetabling of the 681 and 508 services which were clustered together with long intervals in between the services particularly in the evenings. First committed to take the coordination of the two services away and look at ways to improve the timetable spacing.
- Frustration that there can be two 503 services leaving at the same time.
- The need for a drastic step-change in public transport use following the declaration of a climate emergency.
- The importance of improving the attractiveness of public transport

infrastructure to increase patronage.

- It was noted that bus and rail patronage data could be provided to members of the DCSC.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Kate Smyth and Reid Anderson.

3. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

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

4. Exempt Information - Possible exclusion of the press and public

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

5. Appointment of Deputy Chair

Resolved: That John Shepherd continue to act as deputy chair of the Sub-Committee.

6. Minutes of the meeting held on 12 February 2019

Resolved: That the minutes of the last meeting be approved.

7. Operator Updates

The Sub-Committee was provided with the following bus operator updates:

First

- Provided an update on services struggling for reliability due to congestion; particularly those services affected by the works on the Headrow in Leeds.
- The training scheme for bus drivers was ongoing and First reported that they had put a lot of resources into training.
- Progress on mobile ticketing was now at 35%.
- First reported that the service in Calderdale was not fully staffed which made timetabling difficult.

Arriva

- Arriva were in the process of rolling out disability awareness training which focussed on hidden disabilities.
- A small cascade of buses was forthcoming from Arriva's Leeds operation.
- Arriva provided an update on specific services including the 228 service as well as discussing their October timetable changes.

Following the bus operator updates members of the Sub-Committee had the following questions and comments:

- A member wished to observe the driver session training and provide feedback. First stated that they would be happy with this in principle, but would need to check with the individual trainers.
- Members raised the issue around the bus fleet in Calderdale with newer buses consistently being distributed in Leeds. Operators responded that the funding for new buses was tied to Leeds which made it difficult to distribute them more evenly.
- Members wished to raise questions regarding Yorkshire Tiger. Arriva committed to passing the queries onto Yorkshire Tiger and it was noted that in future it would be helpful if a representative from Yorkshire Tiger attended the meeting.
- Representatives from the Combined Authority informed members of the Sub Committee that they had held meeting with Yorkshire Tiger regarding concerns over the standard of service and had discussed plans to improve.
- Members queried the process around real time updates as they were often unreliable.

Northern

- Northern outlined their performance from the last period with 83% of trains running to time. It was acknowledged that this was not good enough.
- Northern detailed their upcoming timetable changes which included an express service to Blackpool and a train from Halifax to Hull.
- Northern explained that some of their franchise commitments on the Calder Valley line would not be met due problems with capacity around the Manchester stations which would require infrastructure investment to resolve.
- Northern announced that new diesel trains would be operating from the 21 November.
- Pacers would be retained into the New Year as Northern's new trains were late from their suppliers.
- All new trains would be delivered by May 2020 and the pacers would be removed form service by that date.

Following Northern's operator update members of the Sub-Committee had the following questions and comments:

- Members questions centred on Sowerby Bridge station regarding ease of access and connectivity as well as the traffic congestion in the area.
- Members also raised an issue with the reduction in services which call at Sowerby Bridge and Mytholmroyd. Services calling at those station was due to decrease from 3 trains an hour to 2 trains an hour.

Resolved: That the operator updates and the Sub Committee's feedback be noted.

8. Consultation Report- West Yorkshire Bus Alliance

The Sub-Committee was provided with a presentation regarding the Bus Alliance and made the following comments:

- The importance that audio and visual technology was included in the bus alliance for disabled bus users.
- A member asked if there were plans to extend the bus alliance to smaller operators such as Yorkshire Tiger and TJ Walsh.
- The need for timetables to be clearer and easier to interpret for non-regular bus users.
- Members discussed the need for better bus stop infrastructure and this was suggested as a consultation topic for a future joint DCSC meeting.
- The importance of multi-modal ticketing and the need for the bus alliance to build on this.

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

9. Information Report

Member considered an information report which provided an update on matter relating to the Calderdale district. Members of the Sub-Committee raised the following points:

- Members noted that the zero-carbon emission working group had held its first meeting.
- It was noted that a phase one draft of the Calderdale LCWIPS had been formulated and sent out to officers and select interest groups for initial feedback.
- Members asked about the upcoming tendering processes for bus services in the district.
- Members requested more information regarding the renovation of Halifax bus station especially with a view to providing feedback around the design from a disability standpoint. Disability Partnership Calderdale was suggested as a good group to consult.

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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE JOINT DISTRICT CONSULTATION SUB COMMITTEES HELD ON FRIDAY, 17 JULY 2020 AS A REMOTE MEETING

Present:

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| Christopher Allan (Public Representative) | Bradford |
| Anne Baldwin (Public Representative) | Kirklees |
| Bruce Bird (Public Representative) | Kirklees |
| Councillor Martyn Bolt | Kirklees Council |
| Councillor Peter Carlill | Leeds City Council |
| Mark Denton (Public Representative) | Kirklees |
| Councillor Kim Groves | Leeds City Council |
| Councillor Miss Jo Hepworth | Wakefield Council |
| Councillor James Homewood | Kirklees Council |
| Andrew Jewsbury (Public Representative) | Bradford |
| Christopher Jones (Public Representative) | Kirklees |
| Shaun Jordan (Public Representative) | Kirklees |
| Mark Parry (Public Representative) | Leeds |
| David Quarmby (Public Representative) | Kirklees |
| Keith Renshaw (Public Representative) | Bradford |
| Councillor Taj Salam | Bradford Council |
| John Sheppard (Public Representative) | Calderdale |
| Brannoc Stevenson (Public Representative) | Leeds |
| Councillor Kevin Swift | Wakefield Council |
| Geoff Wood (Public Representative) | Calderdale |

In attendance:

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| Andrew Bradley | West Yorkshire Combined Authority |
| Helen Ellerton | West Yorkshire Combined Authority |
| Graham Meiklejohn | Trans Pennine Express |
| Dave Pearson | West Yorkshire Combined Authority |
| Will Pearson | First Group |
| Erica Ward | West Yorkshire Combined Authority |
| Dwayne Wells | Arriva Yorkshire |
| Ambrose White | West Yorkshire Combined Authority |
| Janette Woodcock | West Yorkshire Combined Authority |

1. Councillor Groves' Opening Remarks

Cllr Groves Chair of Transport Committee welcomed everyone and said a lot had happened since the last face to face meetings in 2019 and the cancellation of the DCSC's in March due to Covid 19. There had been challenges both new and pre-existing, congestion on the rail network, air pollution, low carbon future buses.

Cllr Groves thanked all involved with the Devolution deal, Cllr Kaushik, Cllr Bolt, Officers of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority, the District Chairs, Bus Station and Travel Centre Staff .and for the contribution of the Transport Committee to the District Strategic Plan and said an important part of any strategy was communication through many channels.

Addressing the public representatives of the District Consultation Sub Committees Cllr Groves said she wanted to hear their voice and welcomed their valued contribution.

Due to Covid 19 the meetings will continue to be held via Zoom. The technology has enabled more people to be involved.

Cllr Groves continued to say following Devolution the following topics will be addressed:

Economic Recovery Plan, Bus Network, Bus Alliance, Demand for Transport, Rail, Active Travel, Cycling and Walking Plans, Electric Scooters, Creation of Jobs, Transforming Places, Means of Travel, Freight Capture.

Cllr Groves thanked Bus operators, Rail forum, Bus Walking Group Expert Panel and said that with respect to the national figures on bus and rail, they are holding their own sessions and again thanked all who had contributed.

2. Update on Current Issues Affecting Transport in the Region

Dave Pearson, Director of Transport addressed the meeting and said this was the first time that the DCSC has used zoom technology as it was not possible due to Covid 19 to meet in one room and the meetings in March had to be cancelled. However, it was necessary right now to meet this way to give everyone the opportunity to speak.

Representatives of WYCA's five District Consultation Sub-Committees were given presentations and a verbal update which provided them with an overview and update regarding the current issues affecting transport in the region.

Councillor Groves opened the meeting for questions from the public representatives and officers gave verbal responses and said that if further clarification was required on any topic raised, this would be provided.

- Live Bus information screens at bus stops

- Cycling and walking interventions
- Concessionary bus passes
- Feasibility study regarding the future of the Queensbury Tunnel and the development of the Great Northern Railway Trail
- Provision of current numbers by district of the cycling population
- Idling of Buses
- Promotional offers by bus and rail operators to get people back on their services
- How can you re-assure people who cannot see to social distance that public transport is safe for them to use?
- Safety of public transport
- Wakefield Westgate public conveniences
- Public Consultation
- School Transport

Resolved:

- (i) That the update on current issues affecting transport in the region be noted.
- (ii) That the views of the DCSC's be noted.

3. COVID 19 Transport Survey

Representatives of WYCA's five District Consultation Sub-Committees were given a presentation which provided them with an overview and update regarding the Covid 19 Telephone Summary which included:

- COVID 19 Impact and recovery our data.
- Change in walking / running and cycling
- Mode intentions in the coming weeks
- Changes in activity over the coming weeks
- Changes in travel activity – private car / van
- Alternatives to public transport
- Commuting times and home working
- Sources and more information

Resolved:

- (i) That the contents of the presentation be noted.
- (ii) That the presentation slides be circulated to DCSC members.

4. COVID 19 Transport Recovery Plan

Representatives of WYCA's five District Consultation Sub-Committees were given a presentation which provided them with an overview and update regarding the Transport Recovery Plan with key themes to

Ensure the survival of the Bus Network – as a vital part of a fully functioning and thriving public transport network that serves all communities, for an inclusive economic recovery.

Progress a green and healthy recovery – the Covid 19 crisis presents an opportunity to build on positive changes in travel behaviour to take the opportunity to reimagine our neighbourhoods, towns and cities, to support a sustainable economic recovery.

The Transport Recovery Plan covers three timescales:

- Short term next 12 months
- Medium Term 1 to 2 years
- Long term 2 to 5 years

Resolved:

- (i) That the contents of the presentation be noted.
- (ii) That the presentation slides be circulated to DCSC members.



Report to: Calderdale District Consultation Sub Committee

Date: 13 October 2020

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 Leeds 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;

<https://westyorkshire.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=138&MId=1021>

2. Information

Halifax Bus Station

2.1 Plans for a new £15.8m Halifax Bus Station delivered in partnership between Calderdale Council and West Yorkshire Combined Authority have been approved by members of the Council's Planning Committee. The scheme will be delivered through the region's £317 million Transforming Cities Fund (TCF) - a major new programme of transport infrastructure investment secured as part of West Yorkshire's devolution deal earlier this year.

2.2 Alongside improved passenger facilities and better access to the town centre, plans for the new bus station include environmentally friendly features, such as electric bus charging points, bike parking and solar panels, as well as a living roof and green wall complete with plants.

Bus Services

2.3 A full area review of tendered bus services in Calderdale was undertaken in 2019 and a procurement process proceeded prior to the COVID lockdown. At the start of the COVID 19 emergency, local bus operator TJ Walsh t/a Halifax Bus Company ceased trading. Tenders were invited for the company's services which were not in competition with other operators and contracts awarded to Yorkshire Tiger and South Pennine Community Transport. Arising from this exercise, it has been possible to reinstate a through bus service

between Halifax and Keighley. These changes were implemented at the end of August 2020.

- 2.4 Across West Yorkshire, the Combined Authority has delivered an £8 million Clean Bus Technology programme to equip 476 buses with emission control equipment to enable them to meet clean air zone standards. As at June 2020, 53% of the Calderdale bus fleet met this standard (compared with 59% of the West Yorkshire fleet).

Active Travel - Emergency Active Travel Fund

- 2.5 On the 5th June, the Combined Authority submitted an application for tranche one of the Department for Transport's (DfT) Emergency Active Travel funding, on behalf of the Combined Authority and West Yorkshire partner councils. The programme of schemes was established to provide swift and meaningful plans to provide more safe space for cyclists and pedestrians
- 2.6 An application for £10.053 million of tranche two funding was submitted on the 7th August, in line with the indicative allocations published by DfT. This 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, and monitoring and evaluation. The outcome is expected to be announced at the end of August. The full details of the programme submitted will be published once an announcement has been made by government.
- 2.7 The programme was developed in partnership with partner councils, and Transport Committee members provided comments on the application form and proposed programme alongside Leaders and Portfolio Holders. The proposed programme was shared with members of the West Yorkshire Bus Alliance and the CityConnect Advisory Group for comment before submission.
- 2.8 Comments received through online interactive mapping platforms were also used by partners to identify schemes within the programme, including the Your Voice interactive map covering Calderdale, Kirklees and Wakefield, and equivalent online engagement tools managed by Bradford Council and Leeds City Council. To date there have been over 1,600 comments made on the Your Voice map, from almost 400 contributors since launch in June.
- 2.9 As with tranche one, it is proposed to manage delivery of the tranche two programme through the existing CityConnect programme governance structure.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 That the information report be noted.

4. Background Documents

- 4.1 None.

5. Appendices

- 5.1 None.