

KIRKLEES DISTRICT CONSULTATION SUB- COMMITTEE

**MEETING TO BE HELD AT 2.00 PM ON WEDNESDAY, 21 OCTOBER
2020**

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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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PRESS AND PUBLIC**
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**Director of Transport
West Yorkshire Combined Authority**



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
KIRKLEES DISTRICT CONSULTATION SUB-COMMITTEE
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 23 OCTOBER 2019 AT TOWN HALL,
DEWSBURY**

Present:

Councillor James Homewood (Chair)	Transport Committee
Councillor Martyn Bolt	Transport Committee
Ian Bangay (Public Representative)	Public Representative
Bruce Bird (Public Representative)	Public Representative
Mark Denton (Public Representative)	Public Representative
Shaun Jordan (Public Representative)	Public Representative
David Quarmby (Public Representative)	Public Representative
Ian Roper (Public Representative)	Public Representative
Mark Wylie (Public Representative)	Public Representative

In attendance:

Graham Meiklejohn	Transpennine Express
Pete Myers	Northern
Dwayne Wells	Arriva Yorkshire
Stuart Fillingham	First Group
Will Pearson	First Group
Ben Maxfield	Arriva
Dot Freeman	Better Buses Kirklees
Jackie Hardaker	Better Buses Kirklees
Jean Goodison	Better Buses Kirklees
Councillor Manisha Kaushik	Kirklees Council
Helen Ellerton	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Janette Woodcock	West Yorkshire Combined Authority

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence was received from Public Representatives Anne Baldwin, Christopher Jones, Jean Kirby, Mike Still and Kelvin Waites

2. Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests at the meeting.

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

There were no items requiring the exemption of the press and public.

4. Open Forum

A request was received from Dot Freeman representing Better Buses Kirklees to speak at the Open Forum.

The Open Forum item has been established so that members of the public, in addition to those formally appointed to the committees, can come along and raise any transport related issues. The aim of the Open Forum is that officers from the West Yorkshire Combined Authority in attendance can respond to any questions on the day and if not possible, take them away and provide a response by email.

Dot Freeman, Jean Goodison and Jackie Hardaker from Better Buses Kirklees raised their concerns as follows:

- Bring the bus services back in the public domain (one body running the services).
- Planned and co-ordinated routes across Kirklees linking with wider areas in West/South Yorkshire which all the bus companies align to and agreed.
- Profits from popular routes can subsidise areas less busy.
- Improve access to rural transport and increase access on evenings and weekends.
- Introduce a simple one ticket scheme on all buses. A clearer ticketing system so return tickets can be used on any bus (include a cap on spend).
- Improve access for disabilities on all levels.
- One rule regarding access for prams, bikes etc.
- Improve routes and access on and off buses. Faster routes create higher usage. Look at long term infrastructures and geographical areas when planning.
- Information and communication to be improved at all levels.
- Cleaner and more environmentally transport stock to safeguard climate change.

The Chair asked that agenda item 9. Consultation Items (West Yorkshire Bus Alliance), be discussed at this point in proceedings.

5. Consultation Items

The Sub-Committee was provided with a brief presentation by Helen Ellerton, West Yorkshire Combined Authority, on the West Yorkshire Bus Alliance which aims to put customers at the heart of improving services, keeping business moving and developing a sustainable bus network. The Alliance brings together the Combined Authority, the local authorities of West Yorkshire and the bus operators including Arriva, First, Transdev and small operators.

Members gave their feedback and Helen Ellerton answered questions from representatives from Better Buses Kirklees and concerns from public representatives.

Members raised specific concerns about what would happen to the Bus Alliance when/if the First and Arriva operations were sold. The view was that the legal requirements surrounding the alliance may mean that the current agreements with the operators may not be met by new ones.

The importance is what is the right way forward for West Yorkshire and to work with operators to deliver in partnership and to realise the customer benefit early.

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

6. Appointment of Deputy Chair

The Chair had received one application from Mark Denton for the position of Deputy Chair.

Resolved: That Mark Denton be confirmed as the Deputy Chair.

7. Minutes of the meeting held on 6 February 2019

That the minutes of the meeting held on 6 February 2019 be approved.

8. Chair's Update

Councillor Kaushik introduced Councillor James Homewood as the new Chair of the Sub-Committee as she has now moved to a new role as Deputy Chair of the Transport Committee.

Councillor Kaushik announced that sadly Public Representative, John Appleyard, who had served as Deputy Chair of the Sub-Committee for several years had passed away. Members expressed their deepest sympathy and observed a one minute's silence.

9. Operator Updates

Operators were invited to give their updates to the Sub-Committee:

Arriva

- Arriva re-confirmed their commitment to the Bus Alliance and the view that in order to increase patronage it would be necessary to increase service frequency.
- Reported that West Yorkshire had been recognised as providing the most punctual service area in the country and had a dependable good service.
- Updated regarding the sale and said that bids had been invited to purchase. They will still be Arriva and will still be in operation.

First

- Improving timetables.
- Retrofit programme had been completed with nearly 200 buses for key corridors.
- A post-implementation review was underway following the September timetable changes to inform the December timetable changes.
- There is to be a fare increase which is not ideal but necessary due to increasing fuel costs.

Members of the Sub-Committee had the following questions and comments following the updates:

- What were the arrangements regarding fare concessions for the 60-67 age group? Members felt that a gap still existed in this area.
- Clarification was requested on the policy of the bus companies for transporting bicycles, prams, wheelchairs.

TransPennine

- New trains have now been introduced into the rolling stock and have provided additional capacity. Customer feedback has been good.
- Winter timetables will shortly be introduced.
- Dewsbury now has two trains per hour to Manchester and Manchester airport.
- Summer 2019 has seen a better performance than 2018.
- There have been issues with infrastructure and a high impact due to delayed trains
- Impact from key work being undertaken by Network Rail and the corridor is run to maximum performance.
- TransPennine is working closely with Network Rail.
- Friends of Dewsbury Station have been undertaking flower planting.
- New toilets and baby changing facilities have been provided along with an additional shelter at Dewsbury Station with funding from the West Yorkshire Combined Authority. The provision of both facilities has been much appreciated by rail passengers using Dewsbury Station.

Members of the Sub-Committee had the following questions and comments following the update from TransPennine:

- It was considered that the new trains were louder. TransPennine responded to say that the trains comply with European standards, but agreed they were louder.
- The noise had an impact on announcements near the proximity of the engine.
- At Dewsbury Station the barriers were an obstacle for the visually impaired and it could be difficult to get through with a guide dog as the gates are not manned all the time. Transpennine appreciated the

problem, and this would be looked into further. All employees had been on a disability awareness course but will ensure that the Station Manager at Dewsbury is aware so that assistance can be provided.

- Regarding changes in strategies, Network Rail are the organisation to contact.
- The performance has been better between Manchester and Leeds.
- TransPennine are looking at providing more capacity for bikes, wheelchairs and luggage.

Northern

- Performance had improved.
- New rolling stock being launched in the Calder Valley.
- New rolling stock for Brighouse has been delayed.
- Driver and conductor training was taking place.
- Pacer trains are to be replaced but will be retained for a short time in order to ensure a continuation of service. The decision has been for two reasons, driver knowledge of the trains and capacity. The remaining Pacer trains will be discontinued in May 2020.
- Autumn is always a difficult time with leaves on the line.
- Waiting for the Williams review to be published.
- 158 new sprinter trains perform better with autumn leaf fallout.
- Huddersfield University are looking into solutions to leaf mould.

Members of the Sub-Committee had the following questions and comments

- Pacer trains need to be replaced as soon as possible.
- Real time train information has not been working.
- Marsden station and the Access for All project – all stations were not included because of the Transpennine route upgrade.

The Chair thanked all the operators for their updates.

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

10. Information Report

Members considered a report which gave an update on matters relating to the Kirklees District and included notes of the joint District Consultation Sub-Committee discussion on bus information and December rail timetable changes.

Members of the Sub-Committee suggested that the agenda should cover more locally focussed issues including updates on local transport and highway schemes.

The Chair would feed back these comments to Councillor Groves, Chair of the Transport Committee.

Resolved: That the information report be noted.

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

Present:

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:

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 West Yorkshire Combined Authority'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 West Yorkshire Combined Authority'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: Kirklees District Consultation Sub Committee

Date: 21 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 Kirklees 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

Huddersfield Better Connected Stations

- 2.1 Work has started on a £1.88 million scheme to make it easier for people to cross Huddersfield town centre by foot, or by bike, which will provide a further boost for West Yorkshire's growing walking and cycling network. The Huddersfield Better Connected Stations project, being delivered by Kirklees Council through the West Yorkshire Combined Authority's CityConnect programme, will focus on improving the route between Huddersfield Bus Station and Rail Station, for people to travel by foot, as well as better access around bus stops on Westgate.

Bus Services

- 2.2 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, 38% of the Kirklees bus fleet met this standard (compared with 59% of the West Yorkshire fleet).

- 2.3 Works have been completed on a refurbishment of the toilets at Dewsbury Bus Station.

Trans Pennine Route Upgrade Rail Station Improvements

- 2.4 The Trans-Pennine Route Upgrade (TRU) was first announced in 2011. It is a programme of investment to deliver a high performing, reliable railway for passengers, with more seats, more trains and faster journeys between Manchester and York via Huddersfield and Leeds. On 23 July 2020, the Transport Secretary announced a range of investments including the release of £589m to begin design work on the first section of the Trans-Pennine railway line and other investment in the North of England. The government has not confirmed the scope of TRU and what station improvements will be included; this is not expected until early 2021.

Active Travel - Emergency Active Travel Fund

- 2.5 On 5 June 2020, 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 7 August 2020, 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.

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West Yorkshire Carbon Emission Reduction Pathways District Consultation Sub-Committees

Why we've commissioned the study?

- Answers the what, why, when, and how of meeting net-zero carbon by 2038
- Doesn't answer the where!

Broken down into 3 tasks

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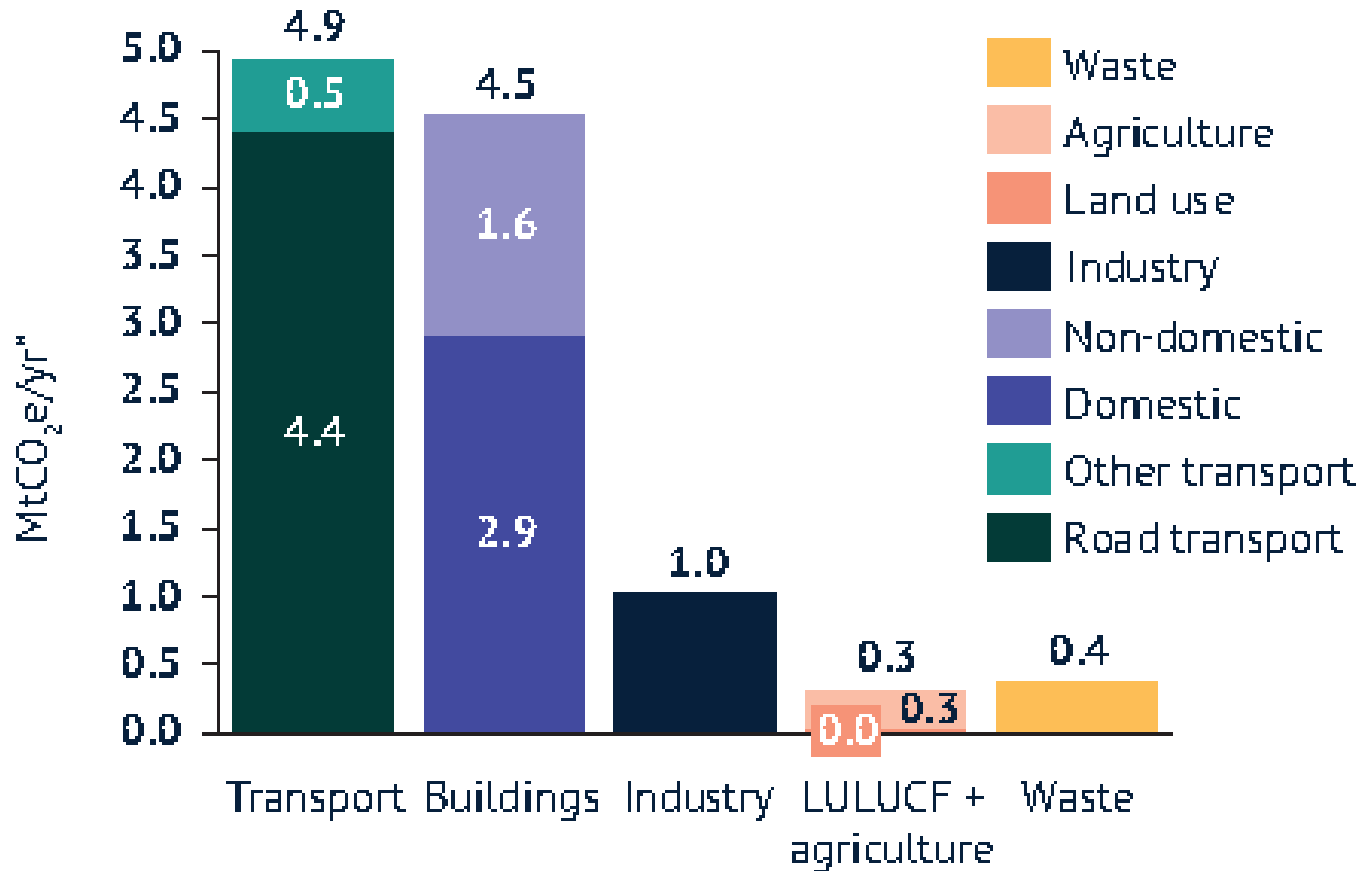
- Task 1: Carbon emission reduction pathways
- Task 2: Implementation roadmap
- Task 3: Policy recommendations and actions

There are several key messages from Task 1

- West Yorkshire could meet its target
- 73 – 82% of emission savings identified in the study
- Increased ambition and/or innovative technologies deliver the rest
- ↗ Allows us to start on a pathway to net-zero
- Government need to provide support to fully achieve
- Highly ambitious leadership and policy necessary
- Key challenges to be overcome
- All parts of West Yorkshire need to come together to deliver

Where are we coming from?

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Four pathways have been modelled

- **Pathway 1: Baseline**

- Likely emissions outcome with current policies

- **Pathway 2: Max Ambition**

- ¹⁹ • How quickly we could technically reduce emissions

- **Pathway 3: High Hydrogen**

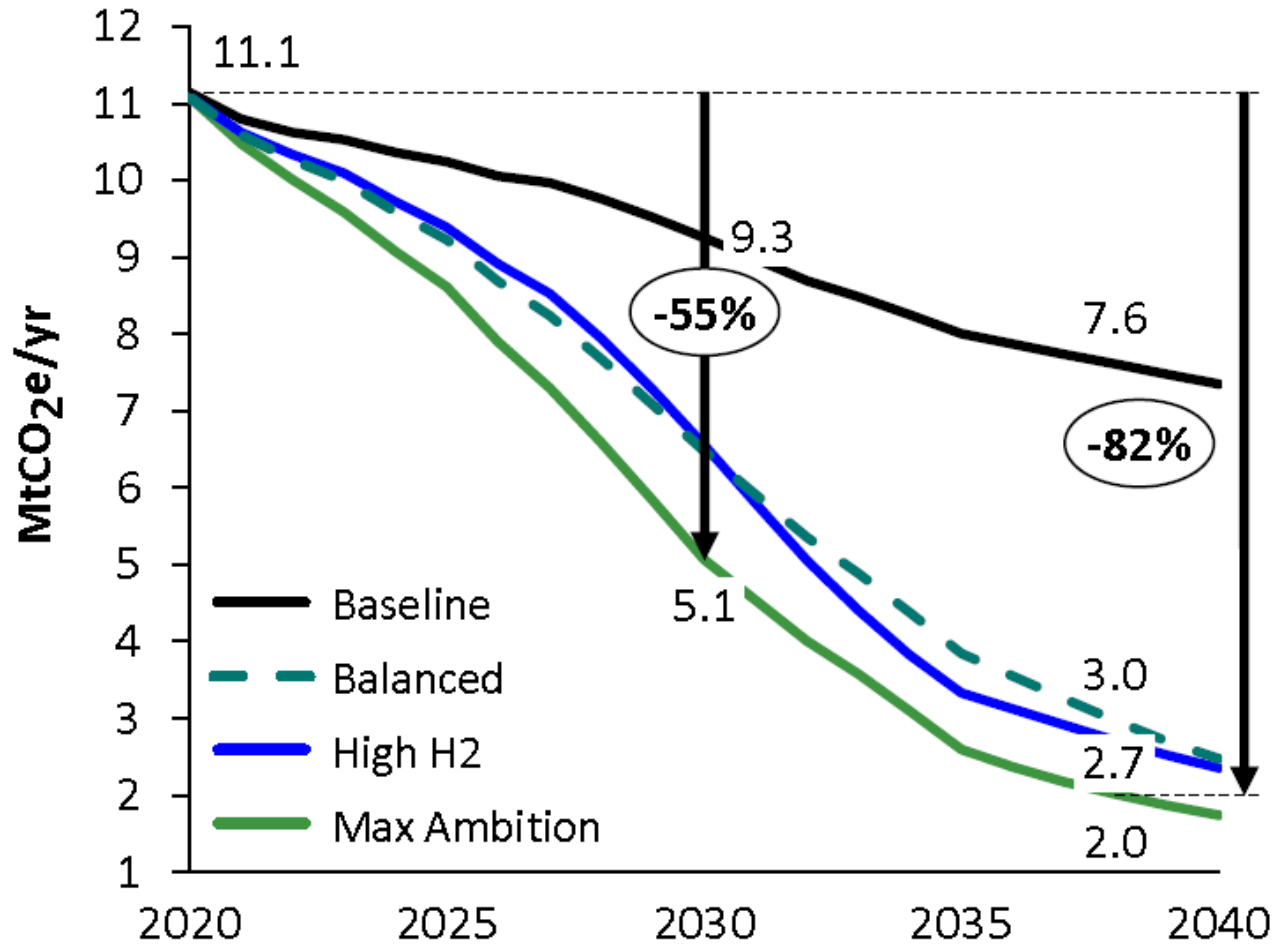
- Hydrogen leading efforts to decarbonise

- **Pathway 4: Balanced**

- Balanced technology mix to achieve decarbonisation

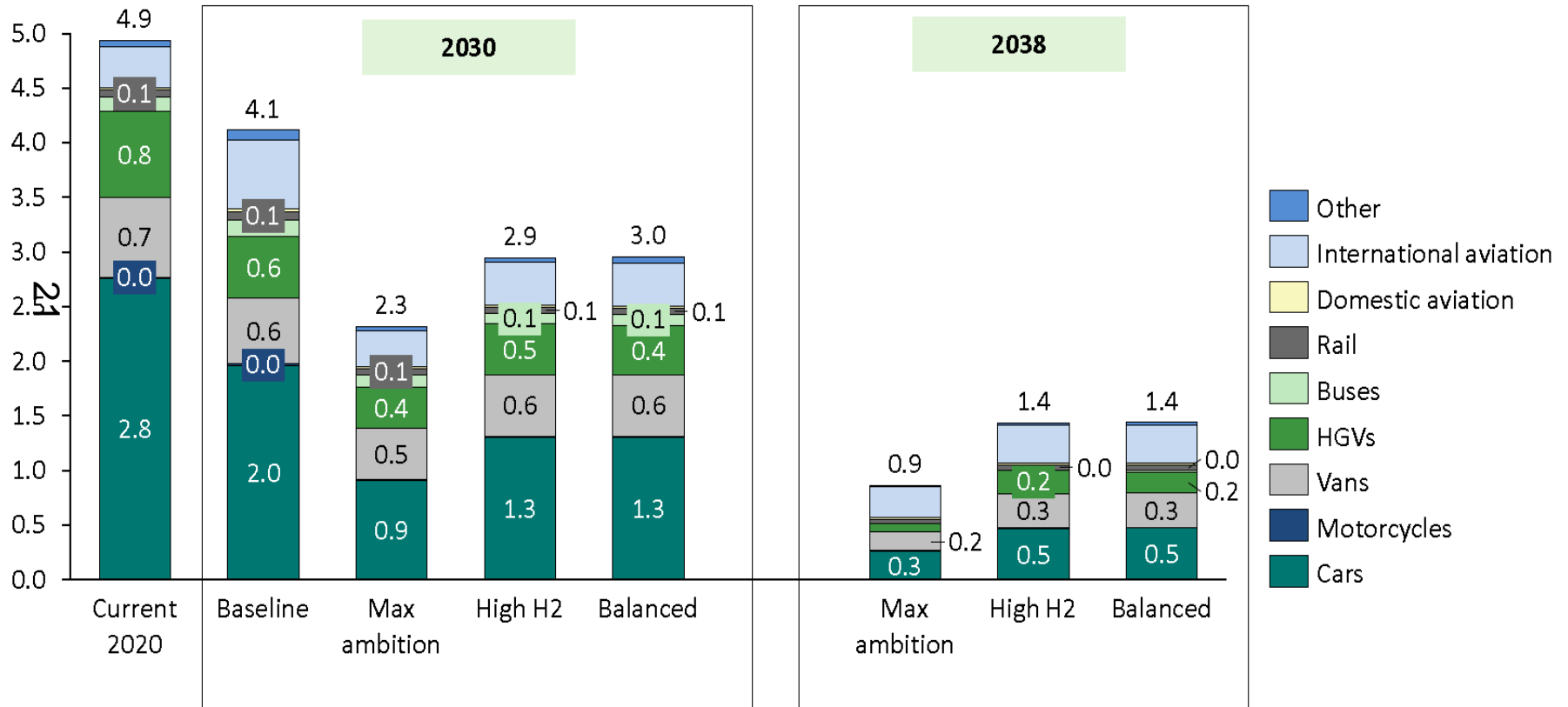
Where do the pathways get us?

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And what does this mean for transport?

Emissions remaining compared with current MtCO₂e/yr



And how do we get there? Remote working



And how do we get there? Active travel



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And how do we get there? Public transport



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And how do we get there? Fuel-mix



Questions?

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