

LEEDS DISTRICT CONSULTATION SUB- COMMITTEE

**MEETING TO BE HELD AT 2.00 PM ON MONDAY, 15 MARCH 2021
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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. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**
Transport Committee Members only.
- 4. EXEMPT INFORMATION - POSSIBLE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**
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**Director, Transport Services
West Yorkshire Combined Authority**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LEEDS DISTRICT CONSULTATION SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2020 AS A REMOTE MEETING

Present:

Councillor Peter Carlill (Chair)	Leeds City Council
Mark Parry (Deputy Chair)	Public Representative
Councillor Neil Buckley	Transport Committee
Councillor Kim Groves	Transport Committee
John Birkby	Public Representative
David Brady	Public Representative
Charlotte Davenport	Public Representative
Howard Dews	Public Representative
Judith Rhodes	Public Representative
Eric Smith	Public Representative
Brannoc Stevenson	Public Representative
Bill Tymms	Public Representative
Leslie Webb	Public Representative
Clive Woods	Public Representative

In attendance:

Ruth Gelletlie	Leeds Living Streets
Kim Purcell	Arriva Yorkshire
Mark Fenwick	Arriva Yorkshire
Ben Mansfield	TransDev
Paul Matthews	First Group
Graham Meiklejohn	TransPennine
Paul Moses	First Group
Pete Myers	Northern
Dave Pearson	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Janette Woodcock	West Yorkshire Combined Authority

11. Open Forum

The Chair introduced Ruth Gelletlie from Leeds Living Streets Charity to speak at the Open Forum. Ruth, a retired Clinical Physician provided the Sub-Committee with a presentation and spoke about the aim to make an environment which is more suitable for walking and cycling and to encourage exercise to prevent both physical and mental health issues.

The Chair thanked Ruth for attending and asked that the presentation slides

be circulated following the meeting.

12. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence was received from Clare Mason, public representative.

13. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

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

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

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

15. Minutes of the meeting held on 17 October 2019.

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 17 October 2019 be approved.

16. Minutes of the Joint DCSC meeting held on 17 July

Subject to Charlotte Davenport, Howard Dews, Judith Rhodes, Leslie Webb and Clive Woods being added to the attendance list it was agreed to note the minutes.

Resolved: That the minutes of the joint District Consultation Sub-Committee be noted.

17. Chair's Update

The Chair reported the winning of a Local Government Award by Officers for their work on the climate emergency which is recognition for an in-depth piece of work.

Last week saw the rollout of the first electric bus. The buses will operate service 5 in Leeds (Halton Moor/ City Centre loop) with nine electric single deck buses from October 2020. The buses are part-funded through the DfT Office for Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV) grant scheme.

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 the fund had been put into a contingency plan pot with the agreement of the Department for Transport.

18. Information Report

The Sub-Committee noted a report which provided an update on matters relating to the Leeds district.

It was noted that major works have been taking place on Headrow, Infirmary Street and Park Row in Leeds city centre throughout the summer to speed up bus services and make them more reliable and punctual. Part of the Leeds City Council's £270 million Connecting Leeds programme, the scheme will result in Infirmary Street being two-way for buses and cycles with new bus stops in lay-bys along both sides. The central bus stop island will be removed and a new pedestrian crossing installed

Construction work has commenced to create a 1,200 space Park and Ride facility at Stourton.

The Network Navigation project will roll out a colour coded approach to the high frequency "core" bus network in Leeds from autumn 2020.

Works to improve passenger and environmental facilities at Leeds Bus Station will commence in Spring 2021.

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.

19. Operator Updates

The meeting was attended by representatives from the rail and bus operators who provided the Sub-Committee with updates.

Arriva

Arriva informed the sub-committee it had been a busy two months with many timetable changes, extra journeys and capacity restrictions and had been working with the Combined Authority to enable bespoke services to ensure students are able to get to schools.

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,

First Group

First Group informed the Sub-Committee of the measures they had implemented to prevent the spread of Covid-19 and have been working with the Combined Authority to enable bespoke services to ensure students are able to get to schools

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.

First is planning to operate service 5 (Halton Moor / City Centre Loop with the first bus to go out Tuesday 13 October 2020 and there will be nine single deck buses which have been part funded through the DfT Office for Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV) grant scheme

The Headingley Lane corridor was busy aiding the student population.

Transdev

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

The network of bus services which link the Airport with Leeds and Bradford is jointly funded by the Combined Authority and the Airport company. Following a procurement process, Transdev has been engaged to operate the services which are now branded "Flyer" and have moved to running a double decker service to improve capacity

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 on leisure services to tourist and retail areas, but this had now dropped following the re-opening 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.

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.

TransPennine

TransPennine informed the Sub-committee they were maintaining a high level of performance and increasing services. There was a low level of customer demand, although higher than at the beginning of the pandemic. As with Northern It was noted that during the summer months there had been an upsurge on leisure services to tourist and retail areas, but this had now dropped following the re-opening of schools and colleges in September

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

20. 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. The Sub-Committee was invited to participate in the workshop and provide feedback.

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

Resolved: That the progress being made to tackle the Climate Emergency be noted.

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Report to: Leeds District Consultation Sub Committee

Date: 15 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 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;

[Transport Committee Meeting 12 March 2021](#)

1.3 A list of current projects in Leeds District where there is current activity is provided at Appendix 1.

2. Information

Connecting Leeds

Vicar Lane

2.1 On 21 February, Vicar Lane opened in both directions to buses. The reopening marked the first time buses have travelled northbound on Vicar Lane since the road was closed to one way traffic in 1964. Northbound buses that normally travel up New Briggate will divert to Vicar Lane, which will be open to buses and taxis only during peak periods. The council proposes to make the southbound lane open to buses and taxis only during the day-time south of Harrison Street. Bus stops on New Briggate will no longer be served and services will permanently move to Vicar Lane. Details of all the services affected are available on the WY Metro website.

Connecting Leeds Transport Strategy

- 2.2 The Connecting Leeds Transport Strategy sets out three objectives of tackling climate change, delivering inclusive growth and improving health and wellbeing. The draft strategy is available to view online, with opportunities to provide feedback: [Share Your Views On Leeds Transport Strategy – Commonplace](#)

Stourton Park and Ride

- 2.3 Works are progressing in all zones within the main site, with bulk earthworks and drainage now complete, the vast amount of ducting nearing completion and block paving ongoing across the site. Progress has also been made by EVO Energy on the steel solar canopies, roofing and installation of solar PV units. Works to the terminus building continue and the service corridor has been completed which will connect the terminus building to the outside world. The highway elements of the scheme are also progressing well with recent progress including carriageway widening on the A61, the new contraflow section under the M621 overbridge, carriageway widening by the motorway off slip and further widening by the A329/A61 merge.

Temple Green Park and Ride

- 2.4 Enabling works have started on the Temple Green park and ride site to prepare for the expansion from 1,000 parking capacity to 1,391 spaces. The expansion will include an additional 6 electric vehicle charging spaces making 20 in total on site. Currently the park and ride facility is being used as one of Leeds Covid-19 test centres. The expansion is due to be complete in winter 2021.

Leeds Rail Station

- 2.5 Work to create a new platform zero has now been completed; these improvements will allow more train services at the station, increasing capacity and improving reliability.
- 2.6 Leeds City Council, working closely with the Combined Authority and Network Rail, is also working on a project which will transform the Leeds station's main entrance and the surrounding area. The proposed works will significantly improve accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists. Removing heavy traffic from outside the station will allow pedestrians and cyclists to travel directly into the city centre with ease. The installation of two passenger lifts will provide further options for step-free access from Bishopgate to the station entrance, instead of having to use the rear and side entrance which are the only current level-access options. It is envisaged that the scheme will be completed by the end of March 2023.

Bus Services

- 2.7 In line with government guidance, bus service levels have been constantly adapted throughout this pandemic.
- 2.8 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.
- 2.9 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.
- 2.10 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

- 2.11 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.
- 2.12 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.
- 2.13 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)
- 2.14 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)
- 2.15 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 - Transport schemes with 'live' activity

Appendix 1: Transport schemes where there is 'live' activity

Project	Scheme Description	Key Information
Headrow Gateway	A set of significant enhancements to bus infrastructure, pedestrian infrastructure cycling infrastructure and public realm in Leeds City Centre north of the pedestrian core.	Due to complete March 2021
Infirmity Street Gateway		Due to complete March 2021
Corn Exchange Gateway	Improvements to bus infrastructure, public realm, pedestrian infrastructure and cycling infrastructure on a number of roads surrounding the Corn Exchange	Due to complete December 2021
Elland Road Park and Ride	Expansion of the existing Elland road P&R site	Completed June 2020
Stourton Park and Ride	Proposals include bus lanes, smart traffic lights and limited stop bus services, helping deliver quick and reliable journey times for existing bus users.	Due to complete September 2021
Temple Green Park and Ride	Expansion of the existing Temple Green P&R site	Due to start on site March 2021
A61S Corridor Improvements	A project to implement bus priority measure to the south of Leeds city centre.	Due to complete June 2021
A61N Corridor Improvements	To improve bus prioritisation as well as walking and cycling measures along the A61 in Leeds	Due to complete April 2021
A660 Signals Improvements	A project to improve the traffic signals across a number of junctions.	Due to complete March 2021
A65 Signals Improvements	A project to upgrade the traffic signals to the northwest of Leeds city centre.	Due to complete March 2021
Network Navigation	To make it easier to plan and take bus journeys across Leeds by creating a user-friendly and accessible set of maps and new colour coded bus stop flags, shelters and other on-street infrastructure that link to bus lines across the city	Due to complete summer 2021

Project	Scheme Description	Key Information
Leeds Digital Hub	A project to provide a Digital hub and call centre offering information and access to door to door transport in Leeds	Trial to start in Spring 2021
Transport Hubs and Connecting Communities	A number of projects providing improvements to public transport hubs throughout Leeds.	Due to complete June 2021
Leeds Bus Station Refurbishment	The improvements will deliver a more contemporary building with improved internal facilities such as seating, real time information, new travel centre and retail unit and provision of solar panels to make the bus station more energy efficient	Construction to commence spring 2021 Due to complete spring 2022
White Rose Station	Delivery of a new rail station to serve the White Rose Centre and adjacent office park	Construction to commence Summer 2021 Due to complete Autumn 2022
LBIA access improvements	Improvements to access to LBIA	Consultation planned for summer 2021
A6110 Leeds Outer Ring Road	Highway improvement scheme	Consultation planned for summer 2021
Armley Gyratory	Part of Leeds City Centre package. increase the capacity on the Inner Ring Road and M621 orbital route by reconfiguring Armley Gyratory	Stakeholder engagement to commence in March 2021
City Square +	Part of Leeds City Centre package. redevelopment of City Square in line with the City of Culture ambition to allow the creation of a world class gateway for the city	Consultation planned for summer 2021
Leeds City Centre Cycle Improvements	Cycle infrastructure improvements, increasing connectivity in city centre	Public consultation closed (19th Feb 21); works in Holbeck, and around Crown Point, due to commence May/June 21

Project	Scheme Description	Key Information
Urban Traffic Management Control	Integration of five District Urban Traffic Control Centres to a single cloud system Integration of the five traffic management systems.	Started March 2020 Due to complete March 2021 Due to start March 2021 Due to complete March 2022
ULEV Taxi Scheme	88 rapid chargers for electric vehicles across the whole of West Yorkshire	Completion July 2021

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Report to: Leeds 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