

WAKEFIELD DISTRICT CONSULTATION SUB- COMMITTEE

**MEETING TO BE HELD AT 2.00 PM ON THURSDAY, 15 OCTOBER
2020**

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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 17 OCTOBER 2019**
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- 7. CHAIR'S UPDATE**
- 8. INFORMATION REPORT**
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- 9. OPERATOR UPDATES**
- 10. WORKSHOP SESSION - CARBON REDUCTION PATHWAYS**

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**Director of Transport
West Yorkshire Combined Authority**



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
WAKEFIELD DISTRICT CONSULTATION SUB-COMMITTEE
HELD ON THURSDAY, 17 OCTOBER 2019 AT THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, WAKEFIELD**

Present:

Councillor Kevin Swift (Chair)	Transport Committee
Nigel Ashton (Public Representative)	Public Representative
John Churms (Public Representative)	Public Representative
Peter Daniels (Public Representative)	Public Representative
David Hogg (Public Representative)	Public Representative
Thomas Randall (Public Representative)	Public Representative
David Young (Public Representative)	Public Representative

In attendance:

Pete Myers	Arriva Rail North Limited
Dwayne Wells	Arriva Yorkshire
Kim Purcell	Arriva Yorkshire
Dave Pearson	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Janette Woodcock	West Yorkshire Combined Authority

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mathew Morley, Public Representatives, Usman Ali and Thomas Randall.

2. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests declared by members 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

Baghill Station Pontefract

A request was received from Public Representative David Hogg to raise an issue regarding Baghill Station, at the Open Forum.

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

Mr Hogg raised his concerns and said that calls are being made to upgrade the station and questioned the level of service. A representative from Northern Rail responded to say that the service through the station is growing and feeds stations further up the line and that at present there is no rolling stock or people available to increase the level of service, but said he would feedback the concerns and comments back to Northern Rail.

The platform itself is in a good condition but the station building is now boarded up and has become a magnet for vandals. The building is of architectural interest and is cherished by the local community in Pontefract. The building has not had ticket-selling staff for decades and was occupied until recently by the Driving and Vehicle Standards Agency. It was established that Network Rail are the owners and the representative from Northern Rail will provide contact details.

Mr Hogg said he would continue to raise awareness and has close connections with the Rail User Group and Pontefract Civic Society and will pursue with the local council.

The Chair thanked Mr Hogg for bringing his concerns to the District Consultation Sub Committee and said the item will be brought back to the next meeting to be held on 19 March 2020.

Resolved:

- (i) Northern Rail to provide Network Rail Contact details re the Building at Baghill Station.
- (ii) Baghill Station item to be brought back to the next meeting of the District Consultation Sub Committee on 19 March 2020.
- (iii) Northern Rail Representation to take back to Northern Rail the comments and feedback provided in connection with the service at Baghill Station.

5. Appointment of Deputy Chair

Resolved: That the proposal for Usman Ali to continue as Deputy Chair was agreed by the sub-committee.

6. Minutes of the meeting held on 14 February 2019

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 14 February 2019 be approved.

7. Chair's Update

The Chair has received a request from public representative Thomas Randall to step down from the District Consultation Sub-Committee.

The Chair also provided updates on devolution and the impact on the operation of bus services, Arriva and First Group.

The start and end times of the District Consultation Sub-Committee in Wakefield as Councillor Kim Groves, the Chair of the Transport Committee has asked for feedback from members if it was felt that the efficient running of the meeting was affected.

8. Operator Updates

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

Arriva

- Service 110 – 111 It was confirmed that new buses have now been rolled out and that a further seven are on the way which will improve carbon emissions.
- Service 268 – There are now better connections and with effect from 28 October there are to be service changes.
- Service 481 has been rebranded and the route has been changed slightly.
- Arriva are continuing to improve services 148, 149, 444, 446, and 425.
- An advertising campaign has been launched to encourage travel by bus and a consultation re service provision.

Members asked the following questions with reference to:

- Experimental exercise to Xscape, Castleford
- Diversions and roadworks and the public being alerted of delays to the service.

A representative from Arriva said that there was an incredible amount of roadworks at the moment which is putting pressure on the bus companies.

Northern

Performance has not been encouraging but Northern are continuing to work with other operators and Network Rail.

The addition of new trains to the rolling stock have been encouraging and popular and have provided a step up in quality. Drivers and conductors have received training to operate the new trains.

The new trains will mean an end to the Pacer although there will be a short term retention to continue to provide service on lighter used routes and will be used on early and late services as trains have to go to Newcastle for maintenance. All Pacer trains will be removed by May 2020.

The December timetable is going to deliver faster journey times and Network Rail improvements will also help facilitate this.

The Department of Transport scheme for stations is currently running and bids have been submitted by Northern with the Combined Authority.

Network Rail are undertaking heavy maintenance over the Christmas period.

Members raised the following points

- To publicise why there are train delays
- Ticket machines are not working. There is not enough capacity to get tickets
- There are no ticket offices in this part of the region
- Takes too long to obtain tickets and is too complicated.
- Ticket machine will not issue a tickets if the train is due in five minutes
- Difficult for non-rail users
- Queues are too big
- Poor Customer service
- Obtaining a ticket needs to be dramatically simplified.
- Delay pay claims are being submitted due to poor service which is appalling
- Real time app tells when the train has left Doncaster Station
- The doorway area on the new trains is too big
- Nothing to hold on to in the doorway area which is unsafe
- Problems with announcements and platform length
- Cars parked on Monkhill Station access road are having windows broken
- Train information display not working
- Concessionary pass ticket option has disappeared.
- Signal Box at Batley

All the points raised have been noted by the operator and Northern will provide feedback on all the issues raised.

Resolved: That the operator updates and sub-Committee feedback be noted.

9. Consultation Items

Dave Pearson, Director of Transport Services, West Yorkshire Combined

Authority, provided a brief presentation 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 smaller operators

The Sub-Committee provided feedback as follows:-

- Members expressed broad support with the aims of the Bus Alliance and felt it is going in the right direction
- Concern was raised regarding the impact that congestion could have on the aims of the alliance
- Members questioned how the success of the Bus Alliance would be measured and were informed that as well as through patronage figures the success would also be monitored through a customer survey.
- Invest in Infrastructure
- That Members would provide further feedback

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

10. Information Report

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

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: Wakefield District Consultation Sub Committee

Date: 15 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

Castleford Rail Station

2.1 Construction works at Castleford Rail Station are now nearing completion. A new station building is being provided as a waiting area for station users. The car park is being remodeled, and the underpass is being refurbished to include new flooring, cladding and CCTV. Overall scheme completion and the opening of the new facilities is programmed for December 2020..

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, 50% of the Wakefield bus fleet met this standard (compared with 59% of the West Yorkshire fleet).

Active Travel - Emergency Active Travel Fund

2.3 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

- 2.4 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.
- 2.5 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.
- 2.6 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.
- 2.7 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.