

INFORMAL MEETING OF MEMBERS OF THE CALDERDALE DISTRICT CONSULTATION SUB- COMMITTEE

**MEETING TO BE HELD AT 2.00 PM ON TUESDAY, 15 MARCH 2022
THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD REMOTELY AND WILL 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. NOTES OF THE INFORMAL MEETING HELD ON 12 OCTOBER 2021**
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- 6. TRANSPORT COMMITTEE REVIEW**
(subject to approval by the Combined Authority)
- 7. CHAIR'S UPDATE**
- 8. INFORMATION REPORT**
(Pages 5 - 10)
- 9. OPERATOR UPDATES**
- 10. TRANSPORT PROGRAMMES: A LOOK AHEAD**

11. PUBLIC TRANSPORT AFTER THE PANDEMIC

Signed:

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**Director of Transport and Property
Services
West Yorkshire Combined Authority**



NOTES OF THE INFORMAL MEETING OF THE CALDERDALE DISTRICT CONSULTATION SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2021 AS A REMOTE MEETING

Present:

Councillor Daniel Sutherland (Chair)	Transport Committee
John Sheppard (Deputy Chair)	Public Representative
Myra James (Public Representative)	Public Representative
Geoff Wood (Public Representative)	Public Representative

In attendance:

Councillor Jane Scullion	Calderdale Council
Alex Hornby	Transdev
Paul Turner	First Group
Will Pearson	First Group
Pete Myers	Northern Trains
Dave Pearson	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Ben Kearns	West Yorkshire Combined Authority

27. Open Forum

There were no questions from members of the public.

28. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

29. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations of pecuniary interests at the meeting.

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

There were no items that required the exemption of the press and public.

31. Minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2021

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 16 March be noted.

32. Notes of the informal joint DCSC meeting held on 26 August 2021

Resolved: That the notes of the informal joint DCSC meeting held on 26 August be noted.

33. Information Report

Members considered the information report and were updated on the work underway to establish the enhanced partnership and the business case for adopting franchising powers.

Members discussed issues affecting the bus industry with patronage at just shy of 75% of pre pandemic levels with different travelling patterns. Another issue raised was around driver shortages nationally.

Transdev had acquired Yorkshire Tiger and provided a presentation to members regarding the state of the service and their plans for the service in the region.

The Transport Committee review was ongoing, but no changes would take place in this municipal year and updates would be provided at a future meeting.

Members discussed demand responsive transport and the east Leeds pilot, as well a potential roll out of the service in Calderdale.

Members noted the progress made on a rail station at Elland and the work underway on Halifax Bus Station.

Resolved: That the report be noted

34. Operator Updates

Representatives from operators were in attendance and provided the following updates:

- Transdev reported the issues they had experienced with driver shortages with 95 recruits held up waiting for licenses or tests.
- Transdev also discussed their effort to attract new customers to their service including free day tickets and a £1 evening fare.
- First were supportive of the work on Halifax Bus Station and noted that temporary arrangements for services operating smoothly there while it was under construction.
- First reported that their patronage numbers peaked at 74% of 2019 numbers and reiterated the challenge around driver shortages.
- Northern reported that performance remained strong with time to 3 at every station on route achieving a figure of 88%
- Customer numbers were at around 75% with a huge upturn in leisure journeys but a downturn in traditional commuter times which were below 40% of pre pandemic levels.
- Northern sought to address this trend by marketing commuter journeys with flexible season tickets to fit with new working patterns.

Resolved: That the operator updates be noted.

35. Workshop Session - Travel and Transport Post Pandemic

Due to a technical issue with the West Yorkshire Combined Authority network, it was not possible to consider this item at the meeting. The presentation would be circulated to members for questions and comments.

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Report to: Calderdale District Consultation Sub Committee

Date: 15 March 2022

Subject: **Information Report**

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

Author(s): Various

1. Purpose of this report

- 1.1 To update the sub-committee on matters of information relating to the Calderdale 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; [WYCA - Modern Gov](#)
- 1.3 A list of current projects in Calderdale District where there is current activity is provided at Appendix 1.

2. Information

Halifax Bus Station

- 2.1 Work is progressing on the new Halifax Bus Station scheme. From Sunday 27 February, the station entrance, travel centre and bus stands were relocated to the other side of the site, near the Sunday School Façade and Sainsbury's on Winding Road. Services 586 and 587, 226, 348 and 349 also moved to town centre bus stops from that date.
- 2.2 Most bus services currently run from the town centre during the day with some evening services returning to the station from 7pm. A small number of services are remaining on site throughout.
- 2.3 During this latest phase of works, which is expected to last until summer 2023, the cash and vending machines, as well as the photobooth, will be unavailable. There will not be any public toilets at the bus station during this time. The nearest facilities are on Albion Street, next to the Borough Market's southern entrance, which is within walking distance and closer to most bus

services that have been moved to existing stops in the town centre.

- 2.4 Construction work is expected to continue until summer 2023.
- 2.5 The Combined Authority continues to work closely with bus operators and our partners at Calderdale Council to minimise disruption and ensure people can continue to access Halifax town centre by public transport, and to ensure changes are widely communicated. Work is also ongoing with local disabled people's organisations to understand and address accessibility issues arising from the changes and ensure disruption information is communicated in accessible formats.
- 2.6 Following feedback that wheelchair users had difficulty boarding and alighting buses at Market Street stop 13 due to issues with the kerb height and camber, a 'bus pad' is being trialled at the stop. The pad is a slightly elevated rubber platform, installed on the pavement to raise the level of the kerb, allowing users to board/alight buses with relative ease.

Halifax Train Station

- 2.7 Calderdale Council, in partnership with the West Yorkshire Combined Authority and Network Rail, is working to provide improvements to Halifax Railway Station. The proposed new facilities will include a new two-storey station building, a new town footbridge, improved walking, wheeling and cycling access and the reopening of an historic underpass, allowing access to the eastern side of the station.
- 2.8 Public consultation on the scheme in January 2021 sought feedback on the design proposals and the responses were used to further develop the project designs. A follow up consultation took place between late November 2021 and the end of January 2022 to show the updated designs, and again the feedback given will be used to further shape the plans. Further information is available from: www.calderdalenextchapter.co.uk/projects/halifax-railway-station

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 That the information report be noted.

4. Background Documents

None.

5. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Calderdale Current Project Activity

Calderdale – Current project activity (March 2022)

Project	Scheme Description	Key Information
Improved Streets for People - North Halifax	Cycle and walking infrastructure improvements, increasing active travel between N Halifax and town centre	Second stage public consultation concluded end of Jan 22
Improved Streets for People – West Halifax	Walking infrastructure improvements and traffic calming, increasing active travel	Second stage public consultation concluded end of Jan 22
ULEV Taxi Scheme	88 rapid chargers for electric vehicles across the whole of West Yorkshire	Completion March 2022
Urban Traffic Management Control	Integration of five District Urban Traffic Control Centres to a single cloud system Establishing a partnership approach to UTC across the 4 teams, and provision of a central control room.	Phase 1 is substantially complete, with Phase 2 getting underway. Due to complete March 2022
Bradley to Brighouse (CityConnect)	Off highway active travel route linking Bradley and Brighouse	Currently in development. Due on site mid 2022.
A629 Phase 1B	To deliver improvements to a section of the A629 to the south of Halifax town centre, focused around the existing Calder & Hebble highway junction that includes the A629 Huddersfield Road, Stainland Road and the A6026 Wakefield Road	Currently in delivery, the scheme is due to be completed in March 2023

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Halifax Station Gateway	This scheme is part of the wider Station Gateways programme to transform public realm, expand retail opportunities and improve passenger experiences. This scheme aims to construct a new station building that links to the current Grade II listed building, bring a disused platform back in to use, and relocate the car parking. The land in front of the station will also be redeveloped to enable walking and cycling access from the station into the town centre.	Consultation has just closed. Work is ongoing to complete the FBC – due to be submitted early summer 2022.
A641 Bradford-Brighouse-Huddersfield Corridor	The A641 project will identify interventions across all transport modes for the A641 between Odsal Top in Bradford and Huddersfield Ring Road, and the A644 between Brighouse and M62 J25.	The OBC is due to be submitted 1 March 2022
A58 Corridor	Corridor improvements to reduce congestion, improve reliability as part of the Corridor Improvement Programme	Due to start on site March 2022
A646 Corridor	Corridor improvements to reduce congestion, improve reliability as part of the Corridor Improvement Programme	Due to start on site March 2022
A629N Ogden to Orange Street Rdbt	Corridor improvements to reduce congestion, improve reliability as part of the Corridor Improvement Programme	OBC was approved at CA – 3 Feb 2022. Work commencing on FBC Development.
Elland rail station and access package	A new rail station on the Leeds – Huddersfield line, including a package of access improvements to / from the station.	<p>Planning application for the rail station currently under consideration. Period for statutory consultation is closed, now awaiting determination.</p> <p>Planning application and progression of compulsory purchase of land for the access package approved.</p>

Project	Scheme Description	Key Information
Halifax Bus Station	A new bus station on the same site as the existing bus station.	Work started on site on 6 September 2021. A new phase started on Sunday 27 February 2022 when the entrance for passengers and buses were moved.
Safety, Accessibility, Environment Programme	Provision of security, safety and carbon saving improvement works to bus stations within the West Yorkshire	On site in 2022 – Brighouse bus station
Rail Park & Ride – Hebden Bridge	Extension of the current car park. Reducing carbon emissions and enhancing connectivity to local areas.	Enabling works begun December 2021 – Currently awaiting Network Rail approvals before main car park works can begin.

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