Decisions taken by Transport Committee

DATE OF MEETING: Friday, 15 May 2020

CIRCULATION: Members of the WYCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Agenda Item No.	Subject/Title of Report	Decision(s)
5	COVID-19: Current Status of the Transport Network	Resolved:
		(i) That the Committee notes the updates provided in this report.
		(ii) That the Committee endorses the approach to funding bus services during the March to June period as set out in paragraph 2.6
		(iii) That the Committee endorses the approach to Government to ensure that the Combined Authority co-ordinates public sector funding for bus services during the continuation of the COVID -19 emergency.
		(iv) That the delegated decision making arrangement approved by the Committee on 13 March be maintained for use on urgent matters relating to the COVID-19 emergency and reviewed at the next meeting.
6	COVID - 19: Implications For The Combined Authority Policies	Resolved : That the Committee notes the updates provided in this report and endorses the next steps set out in paragraph 2.36.
7	Transforming Cities Update	Resolved:
		(i) That the update on progress of the Transforming Cities Programme is noted.

		(ii) That the approach to Governance of the programme is noted and the suggested reporting arrangements to Transport Committee and its subgroups is endorsed.
8	Fare Deal for under 19s	Resolved:
		(i) That the Committee endorses the progress made on a Fare Deal and the revised timescales set out in this report.
		(ii) That a further report be presented to the July 2020 meeting of the Transport Committee recommending the adoption a revised Concessionary Travel Scheme.
		(iii) That, in the event that the Covid 19 situation necessitates a change in the programme set out in this report or in the meeting schedule for the Committee, that the adoption a revised Concessionary Travel Scheme be considered under the delegated arrangements approved by the 13 March Committee.
9	Northern Trains: Priorities for	Resolved:
	Leeds City Region	(i) That the Committee endorse the principle of a new relationship with Northern based on openness, honesty and working in partnership, which recognises elected members' role as passenger champion, and which secures delivery of strategic objectives for clean and inclusive growth, recognising the important role for rail in West Yorkshire in achieving these.
		(ii) That the Committee note the issues facing Northern as OLR takes over the operation from Arriva.
		(iii) That the Committee approve the principle that Combined Authority officers should work with Northern, TfN and others to identify potential interventions for the short-to-medium

term period after the industry emerges from COVID 19 restrictions but while OLR continues. These interventions should be directed towards the key principles of:

- Improving reliability and punctuality
- Providing train capacity where it is most needed
- Improving staff morale and the image of the rail operator
- Making small-scale but noticeable improvements to the passenger experience at trains and on stations, including better information
- Setting the agenda for the longerterm investment that rail in our region requires

The broad types of intervention, to address the issues identified above and summarised below and form the basis of further discussion for Combined Authority officers with Northern and TfN, include:

Short- term, low- cost	 Staff training and engagement "Soft factors" – communications and image
Short- term, modest- cost	 Minor improvements to train interiors Improved passenger information at hub stations
Short-to- medium term	 Station service access Temporary timetable interventions to drive performance Complete fleet refurbishment programme Remedial work to class 195 fleet Station facilities "quick wins"
Medium- term	 "The missing fleet": Complete assessment

	of scale of requirements • Put forward request and evidence to Government
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