

LEEDS DISTRICT CONSULTATION SUB- COMMITTEE

**MEETING TO BE HELD AT 2.00 PM ON MONDAY, 16 MARCH 2020
IN COMMITTEE ROOM A, WELLINGTON HOUSE, LEEDS**

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**
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**Managing Director
West Yorkshire Combined Authority**



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
LEEDS DISTRICT CONSULTATION SUB-COMMITTEE
HELD ON MONDAY, 14 OCTOBER 2019 AT COMMITTEE ROOM A,
WELLINGTON HOUSE, LEEDS**

Present:

Councillor Peter Carlill (Chair)	Leeds City Council
Mark Parry (Deputy Chair)	Public Representative
John Birkby (Public Representative)	Public Representative
Linda Bishop (Public Representative)	Public Representative
Howard Dews (Public Representative)	Public Representative
Peter Dixon (Public Representative)	Public Representative
Catherine Keighley (Public Representative)	Public Representative
Judith Rhodes (Public Representative)	Public Representative
David Brady	Public Representative
Bill Tymms (Public Representative)	Public Representative
Leslie Webb (Public Representative)	Public Representative
Clive Woods (Public Representative)	Public Representative

In attendance:

Dave Pearson	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Andrew Hall	Leeds City Council
Ben Kearns	West Yorkshire Combined Authority

1. Open Forum

The Sub-Committee and member of the public in attendance were given the opportunity to raise any issues which were not covered on the agenda and the following comments were made:

- A member queried how the Combined Authority's aim to double patronage could be measured. The Sub-Committee was informed that patronage figures were available from 2016 and could be shared with members.
- A member expressed concern that the new ticket machines at Leeds station were hard to use and the touch screen was unresponsive which could disadvantage people with arthritis.
- That the bus stops outside Leeds station were small and had limited undercover areas – and may struggle to be suitable for increased patronage.

- A member of the public attended the meeting to ask about the possibility of re-opening Calverley and Rodley station. In a 2014 report the Combined Authority explained that the re-opening Calverley and Rodley station would be re-assessed once Kirkstall Forge and Apperley Bridge had been completed and travel patterns assessed.
- In response the Sub-Committee was informed that in 2014 the Transport Committee longlisted stations for park & ride sites and that approved stations were still being worked on. Any work regarding the potential re-opening of extra sites, including the Calverley and Rodley site, would be kept under review.
- Members discussed the traffic flow around the corn exchange and whether the traffic light system could be better synchronised.
- Members also raised the congestion caused by the works on the headrow and the impact on bus reliability.
- Bus operators asked Leeds City Council to monitor the compliance of people carrying out roadworks as some were not providing bus operators with sufficient notice to plan diversions, or in some cases, providing notice but changing their plans without updating operators.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Hall, Councillor Buckley, Cllr Groves, Kat Handy, Charlotte Davenport, Hazel Lee, Michael Leighton, Clare Mason and Brannoc Stevenson.

3. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

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

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

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

6. Minutes of the meeting held on 4 February 2019

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 4 February be approved.

7. Chair's Update

Councillor Carlill introduced himself as the new Chair of the sub-committee and outlined some of the work underway the Leeds district which included the promotion of sustainable modes of transport such as cycling and walking.

8. Operator Updates

The Sub-Committee was provided with the following operator updates:

First

- Progress on mobile ticketing was now at 35%
- Nearly 200 new buses for key corridors and 9 electric buses
- The retrofit programme had been completed
- A post implementation review was underway following the September timetable changes to inform the December timetable changes

Members of the Sub-Committee had the following questions and comments following First's update:

- Members discussed the irregularity of the 33 and 34 bus after 9pm with customers facing up to 1 hour gaps between services. First committed to respond to Members of the Sub-Committee.
- A Member enquired about the increase in journey times to services from Yeadon on the timetables. In response the Sub-Committee was informed that journey times on the face of timetables had increased to account for congestion.
- First explained that Timetables need to be robust in order to ensure reliability and this might mean that journey times increase.
- Members discussed the impact of the Headrow on bus services including buses taking different routes into the bus station. First reported that these were interim measure to mitigate delays caused by the Headrow works and that First would look at further ways to address the Headrow.

Arriva

- Arriva reported that their fleet was compliant for the Leeds Clean Air Zone.
- 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 and that accordingly Arriva would be doubling the frequency of some of their busier services.

Members of the Sub-Committee had the following questions and comments following Arriva's update:

- A Member asked about the possibility of including Rothwell in the Leeds urban ticket. Arriva explained that it would be difficult to look at lowering fares on that route.
- A Member raised the concern that buses were being held up when entering Wakefield bus station due to traffic wanted to turn into shopping area. The Sub-Committee heard that this had been identified as an issue and would form part of a Transforming Cities Fund bid.
- The Sub-Committee discussed the provision of bus services to the airport as well as the high cost of fares. Arriva explained that Yorkshire Tiger operated the service on behalf of the Combined

Authority and it would be for them to reconsider fares.

- Members also discussed the desire for an express service to run between the Airport and Bradford and members expressed their concern that the express service would cut out stops.

Transpennine

- Transpennine informed the Sub-Committee of several timetable changes as well as the role out of their new trains.
- Previous timetable changes were reported to be steady and would be re-assessed for the December changes.
- Transpennine outlined the need for the Transpennine Route Upgrade to provide increased capacity and resilience between Leeds and Manchester.

Members of the Sub-Committee had the following questions and comments following Transpennine's update:

- A member asked why Transpennine services stopped at Redcar and didn't continue to Saltburn. The Sub-Committee was informed that it was not feasible due to resources and it would cost £10 million to continue to Saltburn.

Northern

- Northern provided an update on a variety of services including the introduction of a Halifax to Hull train which would also provide cross Leeds connectivity.
- New trains on the Leeds to Skipton route as well as the Calder Valley line.
- Pacers would be retained into the new year as Northern's new trains were late from their suppliers.

Members of the Sub-Committee had the following questions and comments following Northern's update:

- Members asked about the unreliability of services to Manchester Airport. Northern explained that without any infrastructure improvements to the Castlefield corridor.

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

9. Consultation Report - West Yorkshire Bus Alliance

The Sub-Committee was provided with a presentation regarding the Bus Alliance and made the following comments:

- Members expressed broad support for the aims of the Bus Alliance but raised concerns regarding the impact that traffic congestion

could have on the aims of the alliance.

- Members discussed the importance of restricting car use in the city centre or the use of more bus lanes.
- 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 Transport Focus designed customer survey.

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

10. Information Report

Member considered an information report which provided an update on matter relating to the Leeds district. Members of the Sub-Committee raised the following points:

- The possibility for the Combined Authority to become involved in the sale of bus companies.
- The importance of frequent reviews of the bus networks to improve to ensure that service remain in step with developments. The Sub-Committee was informed that work was ongoing to pre-empt major housing and office developments and take them into account when planning future routes / networks.
- That the bus network should be more legible for customers; with particular reference to passengers with disabilities – e.g. colour-blindness.
- A Sub-Committee member queried the robustness of the consultation for LCWIPS. Members were informed that the first consultation was a targeted exercise to identify possible desire lines and that a wider consultation would follow in due course.

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

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Report to: Leeds District Consultation Sub Committee

Date: 16 March 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.

2. Information

Consultation and Engagement

2.1 Details of consultation and engagement activity is available via the Combined Authority's digital engagement Hub, Your Voice: www.yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/

2.2 The following engagement activities are either recently closed or current.

Leeds Bus Station Improvements: Public engagement took place during October 2019 and the Outline Business Case for the scheme was approved by the Combined Authority in January 2020. The bus station improvements are part of the wider Transforming your City Centre improvements which focuses on the following four main areas:

- The Corn Exchange
- Meadow Lane
- Lower Briggate
- Leeds Bus Station & York Street

Further information is available at www.yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/LeedsBusStation.

Leeds Travel Centre Refurbishment: A survey was carried out from 21 January to 4 February 2020 on the proposed improvements at Leeds Bus Station Travel Centre. Further information is available at: www.yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/LeedsTravelSurvey

Leeds Rail Station – Sustainable Travel Gateway - This engagement took place from 31 January to 23 February. Further information is available at: www.yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/LCS

Rothwell and Robin Hood walking and cycling improvement scheme: This engagement took place from 7 February to 9 March. Further information is available at: www.yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/RRH

Cottingley bus stops improvements This engagement will be open from 24 February – 23 March. We are asking people what they think about plans to upgrade bus stops and shelters in Cottingley. Further information is available at: www.yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/cottingleybus

Connecting Leeds

- 2.3 Major works are taking place on Headrow, Infirmary Street and Park Row in Leeds city centre 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.
- 2.4 Park Row will become one-way, southbound, with new stretches of bus lane to reduce delays, and stops relocated together at its southern end. As well as improving bus journeys, this scheme will mean wider pavements Park Row and Infirmary Street and more attractive public space with new trees. Making Infirmary Street a two-way route will help prepare for future proposals to remove through-traffic from City Square making it an extended public space for pedestrians and cyclists
- 2.5 Work started on Infirmary Street on February 23 and some services and stops are affected as a result. Full information on these changes can be found at: www.wymetro.com/plan-a-journey/travel-news/bus-travel-alerts
- 2.6 Construction work has commenced to create a 1,200 space Park & Ride facility at Stourton. The new service will commence operation in Spring/ Summer 2021 using electric double deck buses. An extension of the Elland Road Park & Ride car park is in progress and an extension at Temple Green will commence later in 2020.
- 2.7 The Network Navigation project will roll out a colour coded approach to the high frequency bus network in Leeds from autumn 2020. Three trial battery powered bus stop real time flag signs have been installed at East Parade, Wellington Street and Meadow Lane ahead of a full roll out later in 2020.
- 2.8 Work will commence shortly on the Connecting Communities element of the programme providing improvements in Bramley, Compton Road and Lincoln Green.

Better Deal for Bus Users

- 2.9 On 6 February 2020 the Department for Transport (DfT) announced a competitive £220m package of improvements for bus. [A Better Deal for Bus Users](#) includes the following packages of investment:

- **Super Bus Funding** – to increase bus patronage in a defined urban area through a package of measures including bus priority, reducing bus fares and increasing service frequencies.
- **All-Electric Bus Towns Funding** – the aim of the fund is to tackle poor air quality, DfT is seeking bids from towns that have an air quality problem to convert 100% of buses operating in that area to electric. Up to £50m is available to support one town in England.
- **Rural Mobility Funding** – to trial on-demand services in rural and suburban areas. As the Combined Authority is eligible for Transforming Cities Fund, it is not eligible for this funding.
- **Supported Bus Services Funding** – the Combined Authority is eligible for £1.086m of revenue funding to support bus services. The Government expects this funding to be used to improve the provision of local bus services in one or more of the following ways:
 - a) to improve current local bus services - for instance increasing evening or weekend frequencies, or supporting additional seasonal services in tourist areas;
 - b) to restore lost bus routes where most needed to ensure people have access to public transport services; and
 - c) to support new bus services, or extensions to current services, to access new housing, employment opportunities, healthcare facilities etc.

An Expression of Interest is required for submission to the Department for Transport in March 2020 to receive payment in April 2020. A verbal update on the Combined Authority's expression of interest will be provided at the meeting.

Leeds Rail Station

- 2.10 Following completion of the works to the station concourse, work continues creating a new platform zero and simplifying the track layout. The improvements are due to be completed early next year and will allow more train services at the station, increasing capacity and improving reliability.

Garforth Rail Station Car Park

- 2.11 Work to create an extra 83 car parking spaces at Garforth rail station was completed in December, bringing the total to 333 spaces, including a total of 15 blue badge bays.
- 2.12 Enhanced cycle storage and a repair station, CCTV, low-energy lighting, enhanced drainage infrastructure to prevent pollution from fuel and oil run-off and electrical ducting for potential future electric vehicle charging points were also part of the scheme.

Department for Transport Access for All Mid-Tier Programme

- 2.13 The Combined Authority together with Northern submitted applications to the Department for Transport Access for All Mid-Tier Programme last year. The £20 million national funding programme supports accessibility improvements at rail stations requiring between £250,000 and £1 million of Government support. Improvements could include a package of small-scale access

improvements at Burley-in-Wharfedale station. The Government announcement of successful applications is expected in Spring 2020.

Rail Timetable Change

- 2.14 The National Rail Timetable is changed in May and December each year. The December timetable operates until Saturday 16 May 2020. The May 2020 rail timetable change will see less significant service-pattern changes than in some recent years; further details will be available at www.wymetro.com

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 That the information report be noted.

4. Background Documents

- 4.1 None.



Report to: Leeds District Consultation Sub Committee

Date: 16 March 2020

Subject: **Workshop Session – Encouraging Under 25’s to Sustainable Travel**

Director(s): Dave Pearson Director Transport Services

Author(s): Erica Ward

1. Purpose of this report

- 1.1 The West Yorkshire Bus Strategy set a target to grow the number of bus passengers by up to 25% by 2027. Encouraging young people to use bus services more will contribute to this target and will help the Combined Authority to deliver its wider policy objectives: supporting clean growth, boosting productivity, enabling inclusive growth and delivering 21st century transport.
- 1.2 Feedback from young people locally has highlighted some of the barriers to their use of public transport, and this is reflected in recent research carried out with young people nationally.
- 1.3 The Combined Authority and West Yorkshire Bus Alliance have developed a number of proposals which aim to encourage young people in West Yorkshire to travel more by bus. There will be a brief presentation, and members’ views will be sought.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Sub-Committee’s feedback be noted.

3. Background Documents

- 3.1 None

4. Appendices

- 4.1 None

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