

## Appendix 2 –Voluntary Partnership Agreement Heads of Terms

The table below summarises the key contents of the Voluntary Partnership Agreement and the outcome for the signatory parties.

Key Item	Description	Outcome for Signatories
The Commitments	Items agreed to be delivered as part of the Alliance. The work stream delivery plans set out the work plans for the commitments.	Delivery of a number of outputs and outcomes that will work towards an improved outcome for the customer
Key performance indicators	The measure on which all parties will be assessed on the delivery of the VPA.	
Core Bus Network	Services that have a frequency of 15 minutes or better or service key destinations.	Agreement on the services that the Voluntary Partnership Agreement will primarily influence
Provision for an Advanced Quality Partnership Scheme	As specified in the Bus Services Act 2017. Any Party may propose through the Steering Group that an AQPS may be beneficial in supporting the achievement of the Alliance in a given location.	Specific outcomes in a geographical location that can influence the bus service operation within the area
Provision for a Local Voluntary Partnership Agreement	Districts may agree that an Advanced Quality Partnership Scheme should be supported by a local VPA. A local VPA may be appropriate where more significant commitments are proposed by either operators proposing to deliver to a higher standard than the core Advanced Quality Partnership Scheme, or in respect of wider delivery by the public sector of associated schemes which may support further investment by operators.	
Governance	The provision of a structure to manage the Alliance and performance against the targets and outcomes. Agreement on members of the Steering Group	Provision of a structure to oversee the Alliance and provide accountability
District Punctuality and Reliability Group	West Yorkshire District Officer Group that provides overview of the operational performance of the bus network and identifies where highway improvements should be prioritised	Ensure bus operational issues are prioritised in the Alliance and provides a forum for agreeing highway interventions that will prioritise the bus
Highway Improvements	Highway infrastructure schemes that will facilitate bus priority. Improve bus journey times enabling greater operational efficiency and generating customer benefits.	Ensures the bus is prioritised in funding opportunities and provides improved journey times for customers
Data Sharing Agreement	Agreement to share data that will enable management of the Alliance outcomes and ensure investment is targeted to improve outcomes for the customer	Improved customer offer