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## **1. Purpose of this report**

- 1.1 To update the sub-committee on matters of information relating to the Leeds District.

## **2. Information**

### Transforming Cities Fund

- 2.1 The Transforming Cities Fund is a £1.28 billion competitive fund which aims to drive up productivity through improved connections between urban centres and suburbs. The Combined Authority is currently working with partners to pull together a funding bid which will be submitted to the Department for Transport on 28 November. The bid seeks investment in a number of priority transport projects across the Leeds City Region. Once submitted, the bid will be published on the Combined Authority's website and a funding decision is expected by March 2020.

### Mass Transit Mode consultation

- 2.2 The Combined Authority is in the early stages of developing new proposals for an Advanced Urban Transit System, which supports the Leeds City Region priorities of raising productivity, delivering inclusive growth and addressing the climate emergency through clean growth, all of which must be underpinned by a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Transport system.
- 2.3 The Combined Authority is seeking ideas and experience from across the world to aid the development of this mass transit system for the Leeds City Region. Through this market testing process, the Combined Authority aims to develop initial designs for an advanced urban transit system that can be delivered by 2033 and ensures the whole of the Leeds City Region can benefit

from major infrastructure investment including HS2 and Northern Powerhouse Rail.

#### Zero Emission Working Group

- 2.4 The transport sector is currently the highest carbon dioxide emitting sector in the Leeds City Region. This trend is expected to continue over the next 20 years with the transport sector forecast to account for over a third of all carbon dioxide emissions in the Leeds City Region
- 2.5 The Leeds City Region Strategic Economic Plan (SEP) sets out the ambition to become a resilient, zero carbon energy economy. To ensure the transport sector contributes to this regional ambition and improves local air quality, the Combined Authority has established a Zero Emission Transport Working Group.
- 2.6 The aims of the Working Group are:
- To support the delivery of the Energy Strategy and Delivery Plan and its carbon dioxide emission reduction ambitions.
  - To recommend the actions that will decarbonise the transport sector and improve air quality within the City Region.
  - To work with / influence partners, including regional organisations and government to deliver actions that decarbonise the transport sector.
  - To provide oversight of the delivery of outputs and outcomes of low-carbon / low emission transport related projects being developed by the Combined Authority.
  - To align activity on decarbonising the transport sector with activity to improve air quality in the City Region.

#### Clean Bus Technology/ ULEV

- 2.7 In 2018 West Yorkshire Combined Authority was awarded £4.21m of funding by Defra to retrofit buses with clean bus technology. This was match funded by a further £850k from Leeds Public Transport Improvement Programme to retrofit 300 vehicles, primarily for vehicles that are used on routes entering the Leeds district. To date 184 vehicles have had retrofits completed. The remaining work is expected to be completed by March 2020.
- 2.8 In March 2019 West Yorkshire Combined Authority was successful in obtaining a further £2.9m of retrofit funding. This enables the Combined Authority to support the conversion of buses to benefit the planned Clean Air Zone in Bradford.

#### West Yorkshire Bus Alliance

- 2.9 On 5 July the Voluntary Partnership Agreement for the West Yorkshire Bus Alliance was approved for signing by the Transport Committee. The legal agreement contains a number of commitments for the West Yorkshire Combined Authority, West Yorkshire Districts and the West Yorkshire Bus Operators.
- 2.10 The success of the Alliance is an important first step to improving the bus offer for customers. Delivering a successful partnership is an important step to

demonstrate that the Combined Authority and the bus operators of West Yorkshire can together deliver a successful bus network.

2.11 The following initiatives are being progressed by the Bus Alliance :

- Young people initiatives –making it easier for young people to use the bus and promoting the opportunities available to save money on bus fare.
- A driver training programme to deliver further training to improve driver interaction with customers.
- A proposal to make the bus network more legible and easier to use – a system that will be based around a map which identifies each corridor with a colour and a symbol these will highlight the key destinations on that corridor such as hospitals and universities. It is proposed to integrate the maps with stops and shelters and the buses, to support navigation.
- Shared ticketing agreement which will allow customers to use services offered by different bus operators during times of disruption, such as bad weather, broken down vehicles and other major incidents. It is also proposed that where tender contracts change the customer will be able to use their ticket purchased from a different operator.

#### West Yorkshire Bus Market

2.12 On 29 May First Group PLC made an announcement to shareholders that it is “pursuing structural alternatives to separate our First Bus operations from the Group” as part of a process of re-structuring the company. Deutsche Bahn have also indicated its intentions to dispose of its Arriva business in the UK.

2.13 The Combined Authority intends to actively participate in the discussions around the sale of First West Yorkshire and York. Protecting the bus network for West Yorkshire residents is an overriding key objective.

#### MCard

2.14 In order to simplify the MCard ticket range, all paper day tickets were re-branded as ‘Day-Savers’ in the summer. This includes adult bus DaySaver, Family DaySaver and the new Group Daysaver, which allows a group of five adults to travel together on buses and trains.

2.15 The adult bus Daysaver is available on bus from the driver or can be purchased in multiples of 3, 5 and 10 on smartcard. The Family and Group Daysaver tickets are available from Metro Travel Centres and staffed rail stations. The full DaySaver range will shortly be available on the MCard ticketing app, which is being developed.

2.16 Development work is ongoing on the MCard barcode ticketing app, which will enable customers to purchase MCard tickets via their iPhone or Android phone. We expect to have a test version of the app available at the end of the year. The app should be available for customers to use early in 2020

### West Yorkshire Bus Information Strategy

- 2.17 At the joint DCSC meeting in June, members' views were sought on the proposed West Yorkshire Bus Information Strategy. The session was very productive and notes are attached at Appendix A.
- 2.18 Wider engagement on the strategy was undertaken with public and stakeholders during July and August. Work is now under way to analyse feedback on the proposed strategy, and the outcome of the engagement will be made available later in the year. Initial analysis of feedback supports the need to retain printed timetables, and, as highlighted at the joint DCSC meeting in June, the Combined Authority is developing a cost-effective solution.
- 2.19 The outcomes of the consultation will be reported back to the Transport Committee in November, after which the strategy will be formally approved and rolled out from early 2020.

### Real Time Screens

- 2.20 The project to upgrade Real Time screens across West Yorkshire is almost complete with 650 monitor type screens being replaced by new units with bright LED screens showing more service information.
- 2.21 An additional 490 screens have been installed in the Leeds district as part of the Leeds Public Transport Investment Programme (LPTIP). A procurement exercise is underway to procure 500 battery powered displays that can be mounted at bus stops, which will be installed in Leeds in 2020

### Bus Service Changes

- 2.22 There will be some service changes in Leeds from 27 October. Full details of changes will be available at [wymetro.com](http://wymetro.com). The main changes to note are:
- Service 481 Leeds – Middleton – East Ardsley – Wakefield will be renumbered 118/118A and operate via the White Rose Centre
  - In Otley there will be a new service introduced (963) which will serve the new development at Garnet Wharfe

### Boxing Day and Christmas Bus Operation

- 2.23 On Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve bus services will gradually reduce from 6pm, with no services after 8pm.
- 2.24 A Saturday service will operate on 27, 30 and 31 December.
- 2.25 There will be no services on Christmas Day and New Year's Day (apart from airport service 757 which will operate a limited service on New Year's Day).
- 2.26 On Boxing Day, the Combined Authority will be supporting a network of services. Services will operate on core routes approximately every half-hour between 9am and 6pm on main routes in West Yorkshire. Normal bus operator fares will apply, MCard and ENCTS passes are all valid.

### Connecting Leeds

- 2.27 The Leeds Public Transport Improvement Programme, 'Connecting Leeds', aims to deliver a transformational change in the transport network and connectivity in Leeds. This will be achieved through improvements to road, rail, bus, park and ride, cycling and walking services and infrastructure. Recent and current progress on Connecting Leeds schemes is detailed below:

#### Stourton Park and Ride and the A61 South Highway Improvements

- 2.28 Stourton Park and Ride will provide 1200 parking spaces and be served by an all-electric dedicated bus service running at least every 10 minutes into Leeds City Centre. This is supported by a package of bus priority measures on the A61 which will benefit all bus services on this corridor
- 2.29 Construction of Stourton Park and Ride and the bus priority measures on the A61 commenced in late August 2019, the Park and Ride is expected to open in January 2021.

#### Elland Road and Temple Green Park and Ride Extensions

- 2.30 Elland Road Park and Ride opened in 2014 and provided 420 spaces. This was expanded in 2016 to provide 800 spaces. Construction work has started on a further extension to provide a further 500 spaces. This is due for completion in late summer of 2020.
- 2.31 Temple Green Park and Ride was first opened in 2017 and provides 1000 spaces. Consultation is underway to expand the Park and Ride to provide at least a further 300 spaces.

#### Alwoodley Park and Ride and A61 North Highway Improvements

- 2.32 Alwoodley Park and Ride will provide 500 spaces in North Leeds. Preliminary consultation on the scheme is planned for autumn 2019.
- 2.33 The Park and Ride will be supported by bus priority measures on the A61 North. The improvements are expected to be delivered through 2020.

#### A647 Highway Improvements Package

- 2.34 A package of improvements on the A647 from Bradford through to Leeds aims to reduce bus journey times and make the environment better for pedestrians. It is expected that construction will begin in February 2020.

#### Leeds City Centre Gateways

- 2.35 A key component of the Leeds Public Transport Improvement Programme is to transform the key gateways in the City Centre to improve the bus, pedestrian and cycle environment. Construction of the Headrow gateway commenced in August 2019 and is expected to complete later in 2020. This necessitated the re-routing of several bus services around the city.
- 2.36 A communications strategy has been developed to manage the impact on bus passengers travelling through and interchanging in the City Centre.
- 2.37 In addition to The Headrow, the Corn Exchange and York Street will also be improved to transform the waiting environment for bus passengers and

pedestrians. Consultation on the plans for the Corn Exchange and York Street are taking place in October 2019.

#### Leeds Bus Station

- 2.38 Proposals are being developed to improve the customer experience in the Bus Station. The proposals include improvements to the retail offer, waiting environment, entrances to the bus station and overall pedestrian movements. Consultation on the proposals is taking place alongside the Corn Exchange and York Street proposals in October 2019.

#### Presentation of the Core Bus Network to Customers

- 2.39 Consultation undertaken as part of the development of the Bus Strategy and Leeds Transport Conversation highlighted that the bus network across West Yorkshire is difficult to navigate for infrequent bus users. Targets have been set to increase bus usage, it is therefore crucial to make the system easier to understand and use for people who don't habitually take the bus.
- 2.40 To aid simplicity of presentation, the system will be based around a map which identifies each corridor with a colour and a symbol these will highlight the key destinations on that corridor such as hospitals and universities. Examples of this approach were discussed at the joint DCSC meeting in July. It is proposed to integrate the maps with the on-street furniture and the buses to support navigation.
- 2.41 Transport Committee approved the principles of the presentation of the Core Bus Network on 5 July.

#### Transport Hubs and Public Transport Access Schemes

- 2.42 These schemes will improve access to the core bus corridors and interchange with bus in six locations across the City. Proposals to improve the waiting environment and operation of the buses at Bramley, Compton Road and Middleton have been developed.
- 2.43 In addition, improvements to the walking and cycling links to the public transport network are proposed in Rothwell, Robin Hood, Pudsey and Lincoln Green.
- 2.44 Public consultation on these schemes is expected to take place in the autumn of 2019.

#### New Rail Stations

- 2.45 Initial consultation has taken place on the development of White Rose, Thorpe Park and Leeds Bradford Airport. Work is under way to develop business cases for the new stations.
- 2.46 The programme will also fund improvements to accessibility and car parking at suburban rail stations in the Leeds district.

#### Leeds Train Station

- 2.47 A new transparent roof has been installed above the main southern concourse of the station. The existing gateline has been removed and replaced with new machines installed in a straighter alignment which will improve passenger flow through the station at peak times. Further improvements including a new glazed entrance are due to be completed this autumn.

- 2.48 Works on New Station Street are now complete. These have included widening the pavement outside the main entrance down towards the Queens hotel, providing more space between the bus shelters and creating a new pedestrian crossing.
- 2.49 Work continues at the station on creating a new platform zero and simplifying the track layout around platforms one to six. As part of the works the station will be closed on the morning of Sunday 27 October 2019 and rail replacement bus services will be operating.

#### Blake Jones and Williams Reviews

- 2.50 The Blake Jones Review of the Rail North Partnership was published on 19 July 2019. The review and its recommendations were subsequently endorsed by the Transport for the North Board at its meeting on 31 July 2019, together with an action plan to bring focus to delivery of early wins. The Combined Authority also endorsed the Review's recommendations at its meeting on 1 August 2019. The core theme running through the Review and its recommendations is the need to put rail passengers first.
- 2.51 The Review identifies five recommendations for immediate implementation and a further four recommendations for longer term implementation, and which are made to inform the Williams Review of the country's rail industry.
- 2.52 The Williams Review is now in its final stages. The review's findings and recommendations will be published in a white paper in autumn 2019, with reforms from 2020 onwards.
- 2.53 Keith Williams delivered an interim speech at an event in Bradford on 16 July 2019. In this speech he highlighted that reform will be focused on five main areas:
- New passenger offer – customer service excellence
  - Simplified fares and ticketing
  - A new industry structure
  - A new commercial-model – “the current franchising model has had its day”
  - Leadership, skills and diversity
- 2.54 Discussion has been ongoing over summer about how the proposed reforms can bring more effective accountability to rail service delivery and planning.

#### HS2

- 2.55 Consultation on a potential change to the HS2 route into Leeds closed in September. Under the new proposals the approach to Leeds from Woodlesford would predominantly be on a viaduct rather than a combination of ground level, cutting and embankment.
- 2.56 The Combined Authority responded to the consultation and welcomed the opportunity that the refined design provides with regards to reducing travel disruption and congestion to the public transport network during construction. The Combined Authority's response also included a request that in the revised design, visual intrusion and noise pollution is mitigated as much as possible

and that the area underneath the viaduct is developed to benefit local communities.

- 2.57 In August 2019, the Department for Transport announced that there would be an independent review into all aspects of the future of HS2. The terms of reference for the review include whether and how the project could be reprioritised, and further examination of the costs and benefits of the scheme. It is anticipated that the review will be completed by autumn, and will inform decisions on next steps for the project. The Transport Secretary has indicated he wishes to make “a go/no-go” decision on HS2 in December.
- 2.58 The Combined Authority has met with the review panel and emphasised that HS2 is an essential part of the investment needed to tackle the capacity crisis in our rail network which is impacting on current services. The Combined Authority has offered to work with the Department for Transport and other partners to find efficiencies in the context of a clear commitment to full delivery of HS2.

#### Northern Powerhouse Rail (NPR)

- 2.59 Transport for the North (TfN) are currently working to accelerate aspects of the NPR programme between Leeds and Manchester to achieve the ‘Autumn Deal’ which was announced on 27 July. While aspects of the work are being accelerated the key driver is to maintain NPR as a network for all of the North and to maintain the £39bn transformational vision set out in the TfN Strategic Transport Plan.

#### Department for Transport ‘Access for All’ Programme

- 2.60 In April 2019 the Department for Transport announced that two West Yorkshire rail stations would benefit from additional funding from the ‘Access for All’ programme. Both Todmorden and Menston rail stations will, subject to a feasible design being possible, receive an accessible, step free route into the stations, as well as to and between every platform over the next five years. It was also confirmed that deferred schemes selected for funding in 2014 but not yet implemented, would be completed during the 2019-24 budget period. Garforth rail station falls into this category.
- 2.61 The Department for Transport has recently announced that a proportion of the funding revealed last year as part of its ‘Inclusive Transport Strategy’ is being made available for a new round of ‘Access for All’ Mid-Tier funding which supports station accessibility projects requiring between £250,000 and £1 million of Government support. This is a £20 million national fund open to applications from stations in need of accessibility improvements, leading to small-scale enhancements which enable more disabled people to access the rail network more easily. Improvements could include, for example, tactile paving, handrails, and Harrington Humps, which selectively increase platform heights. The Combined Authority is working with rail industry and council partners to identify accessibility improvements and develop potential funding applications.

#### Pacer Trains

- 2.62 Pacer trains were meant to be progressively withdrawn by Northern from September 2018, with a profile which would have seen 102 Pacer trains



withdrawn by November 2019. The delay to the withdrawal programme is mainly as a result of delays to the introduction of new trains. At the time of writing it is currently understood that Northern will need to keep around 23 of its Pacer trains in passenger service beyond the end of 2019, in diminishing numbers to achieve complete withdrawal by summer 2020. Whilst this situation is clearly unwelcome, the alternative is a potentially worse situation of having to cancel trains and / or reduce capacity of peak services.

- 2.63 Northern proposes that a small number of very early morning and late evening trains will continue to be operated by Pacer trains on a number of routes. In addition, the majority of trains on the Penistone Line, on local services between Bradford and Huddersfield, on local services between Castleford and Huddersfield, and trains on the York – Pontefract – Sheffield service will continue to be operated by Pacers. The proposal is based on factors such as staff familiarity and maintenance regimes and avoiding deployment on the busiest commuter services around West Yorkshire.
- 2.64 Pacer trains are widely regarded as failing to meet passenger expectations, and their timely removal from service was a significant and high-profile 'promise' when the new franchise was awarded. The Combined Authority and South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive are in discussion with Northern to secure passenger benefits for those areas that will have to rely on Pacer trains for local rail journeys beyond the end of the year.
- 2.65 A crucial further factor is the need for all trains to comply with the Persons of Reduced Mobility (PRM) regulations from 1 January 2020. These regulations require all trains to meet base requirements for accessibility and on-board facilities from that date. Pacers do not currently fully meet these requirements, and there is a national shortage of suitable and PRM compliant trains to use alternatively. There is a national backlog of work to bring older fleets of trains into compliance with the regulations. The most significant issue for Pacers relates to the accessibility of the toilets, but there is a range of other non-compliances.
- 2.66 Northern is working with its Accessibility User Group to test the mitigations it is proposing to put in place to address the non-compliances. This will include specific on-train and station-specific proposals, including an enhanced passenger assistance service. This package will form the basis of an application to the Department for Transport for a temporary dispensation from the regulations. Part of the process for this determination will include reference to the Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee (DTPAC). There will be a particular emphasis on where Pacer trains will be the only type of train calling at a station throughout the day. Northern is expected to make an application for a dispensation from the regulations in September.

#### Northern New Trains

- 2.67 Northern introduced new electric trains on the Leeds – Doncaster services in July, and on the services between Skipton / Ilkley / Bradford Forster Square and Leeds in September. There are now 26 new trains in operation across the north, with a large proportion of the remaining new trains expected to be in operation by the end of the year. This will release the older electric trains to go 'off-lease', and represents an improvement in the quality of trains.

- 2.68 Northern are also introducing new diesel trains to offset continued problems with availability of diesel trains to strengthen peak-time services in particular, as well as to allow the withdrawal of Pacer trains.
- 2.69 Staff training is now underway to allow the new diesel trains to be introduced in October / November on Calder Valley line services, initially on Leeds – Bradford – Halifax – Manchester Victoria – Chester services, and then on York – Leeds – Bradford – Halifax – Preston – Blackpool services. New trains will be introduced on Leeds – Wakefield Kirkgate – Barnsley – Sheffield – Nottingham / Lincoln services at the end of the year. These new trains will provide a significant uplift in the quality of passenger facilities, as well as additional capacity.
- 2.70 The Combined Authority continues to closely monitor the number of carriages provided at peak time trains, and this was a matter discussed with the operator at the West Yorkshire Rail Forum in August.
- 2.71 It is important that Northern does not prematurely withdraw Pacer trains until it has sufficient new trains in reliable service to run all the services (including peak strengthening) it has committed to. Northern has also agreed to retain some Pacer trains to ensure that they are available should stock shortages occur, particularly through the autumn period.

#### LNER New Trains

- 2.72 LNER has continued to introduce its new Azuma trains onto an increasing number of Yorkshire to London services. The roll-out is understood to be going well, and feedback from passengers has been generally positive.

#### TransPennine Express New Trains

- 2.73 TransPennine Express (TPE) introduced the first of its new five-carriage Nova 3 trains into public service in August, on the Liverpool – Manchester – Huddersfield – Leeds – York – Scarborough route. A second Nova 3 train entered daily service in September, from which point there are 12 services operated by new trains on a daily basis. These trains bring additional capacity, as well as releasing existing three-carriage trains to add additional carriages to peak time services. The refurbishment of 185's, the original TPE fleet has also been completed.
- 2.74 The delayed introduction of Nova 3 trains means that TPE have not restored full capacity on key peak-time services on the Manchester – Huddersfield – Leeds core route as planned.
- 2.75 To compensate customers for the delayed introduction of Nova 3, Transport for the North agreed to a scheme where £25 travel e-vouchers were made available to season ticket holders and walk up train users between Huddersfield, Dewsbury and Leeds via e-mail (and in accordance with GDPR). These customers will also have received a catering voucher enabling a hot drink to be obtained free of charge. Funds unclaimed from this scheme will be utilised in a further compensation scheme currently being discussed between TransPennine, Transport for the North and their members (including West Yorkshire Combined Authority).

- 2.76 Nova 1's are expected to start operating in public service from late October on Liverpool – Manchester – Huddersfield – Leeds – York – Darlington – Newcastle services, bringing a further significant increase in capacity.
- 2.77 It has been a significant concern that peak time capacity would not be fully restored as the very busy autumn period approaches. It has been made clear to TPE at Rail North Committee and via the West Yorkshire Rail Forum that the first priority remains delivery of peak-time capacity.

#### December 2019 rail timetable changes

- 2.78 Many train timetables will change on 15 December 2019, generally reflecting operators' franchise commitments. A summary of the main changes is attached at Appendix B. Principal changes include:
- Harrogate – Leeds – London train to run every two hours
  - Several changes on weekdays on the Calder Valley line through Halifax and Bradford Interchange, including different timings around the hour, an additional train every hour at Low Moor, and the current Huddersfield – Halifax – Bradford – Leeds train being replaced by two separate but overlapping services (one from Huddersfield to Halifax and Bradford and one from Halifax via Bradford and Leeds through to Selby and Hull). Sowerby Bridge and Mytholmroyd will however in most hours revert to two rather than the current three trains
  - Slaithwaite and Marsden will regain an hourly all-stations service, with extra services in the peaks provided by inserting stops into Hull – Manchester trains
  - The Leeds – Selby stopping train will start back at Halifax and run on to Hull
  - The TransPennine Express hourly Liverpool – Manchester – Huddersfield – Leeds – Newcastle trains will be extended to Edinburgh, and their Manchester Airport – Manchester – Huddersfield – Leeds – Middlesbrough trains extended to Redcar
- 2.79 Some changes that were previously expected to be delivered in December 2019 will not now happen. This is generally because infrastructure schemes designed to enable them have not happened, and/or as a result of concerns about punctuality and reliability, and/or due to a shortage of diesel trains. These services that will not now happen in December include a Bradford Interchange – Leeds – Wakefield Westgate – Sheffield – Nottingham fast service; direct links from Bradford, Halifax and Calder Valley to Manchester Airport and Liverpool (and an extra Bradford to Manchester train via Halifax and the Calder Valley); a second hourly train on Sundays running Leeds – Bradford Interchange – Halifax – Manchester Victoria; an extra Northern train running between Leeds and Harrogate in the hours when there is no LNER train; and a second train every hour between York and Scarborough.
- 2.80 A very limited service on Northern is expected to operate on some routes in West Yorkshire on Boxing Day 2019, for the first time in many years; further details will be announced shortly.

#### Leeds Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan

- 2.81 Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs) are being developed for each partner council area in West Yorkshire. The Plan for Leeds will build on work to identify networks for walking and cycling already carried out by partners in the region, and the priorities identified in the [Leeds Cycling Strategy, "Keeping the Wheels Spinning"](#)
- 2.82 A lot of work is needed to create a comprehensive Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan that covers all the urban and rural areas of the Leeds district, and several phases of development are envisaged. The work underway now should be the first phase of a longer term development process.
- 2.83 For this first phase of work, specific areas of focus were selected for walking and cycling, based on a number of factors. Phase one of the LCWIP for Leeds includes plans to improve walking in Harehills, and for cycling in north east Leeds.
- 2.84 A phase one LCWIP for Leeds has now been produced in draft. This includes a walking network map for Harehills, and a programme of improvements for walking within the local centre has been identified
- 2.85 The LCWIP also includes a network map of desire lines for cycling for north east Leeds. The desire lines identified have been prioritised to identify which routes should be assessed in more detail as part of this phase of work, and two routes have been assessed in more detail – Chapel Allerton to Regent Street (and the existing cycle routes into Leeds city centre), and the A61 to Oakwood.
- 2.86 A group of stakeholders have been invited to provide feedback on the draft LCWIP, including local ward members, stakeholders representing user groups, local community groups and organisations, and local authority officers – and include those previously involved in early engagement events. This feedback is currently being analysed to enable the draft phase one LCWIP to be updated, with the intention to report to Transport Committee in November 2019.

#### Your Voice! Digital Engagement Hub

- 2.87 Your Voice! is the Combined Authority's digital engagement hub for consultation and engagement activities: [www.yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk](http://www.yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk).
- 2.88 The interactive hub is used for consultation and engagement activity, as well as providing details about the outcome of consultation / engagement exercises.
- 2.89 Recent and upcoming engagement activities include:
- [South Leeds Cycle improvements](#) closed 29 September 2019
  - [Clay Pit Lane cycle improvements](#) closed 29 September 2019
  - [Transport Hubs and walking and cycling schemes](#) –
    - First phase (Bramley bus interchange / Pudsey walking and cycling links / Compton Road) from Monday 16 September.
    - Phase 2 (Lincoln Green walking and cycling) from 30 September
  - Leeds bus station – from early October

- 2.90 There is an option to sign up via the Your Voice! to be kept informed about future consultation and engagement exercises.

#### City Connect

- 2.91 The new £7.9 million Leeds city centre cycle superhighway was officially opened on 19 July. The scheme, which adds an extra 4km of segregated routes to Leeds's growing cycling network, has been delivered through the Combined Authority's CityConnect programme, aimed at encouraging more people to travel by bike or on foot, in partnership with Leeds City Council. New sections of segregated cycle route connect the existing sections of the 23km Leeds Bradford Cycle Superhighway to the east and west of the city, making it safer, easier and quicker to travel by bike in Leeds city centre. The new cycle superhighway runs along Wellington Street towards City Square from the west and along Marsh Lane, York Street, Duke Street and Kirkgate from the east.
- 2.92 Consultation on a package of South Leeds Cycle Improvements took place over the summer, including schemes for Elland Road, Dewsbury Road and Claypit Lane. Further information on the proposed schemes is available via [Your Voice!](#)

### **3. Recommendations**

- 3.1 That the information report be noted.

### **4. Background Documents**

- 4.1 None.

### **5. Appendices**

**Appendix 1** – Notes of Joint DCSC Discussion on Bus Information

**Appendix 2**– December Rail Timetable Changes