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**Report to:** Kirklees District Consultation Sub Committee

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**Subject:** **Information Report**

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## 1. Purpose of this report

- 1.1 To update the sub-committee on matters of information relating to the Kirklees 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/](http://www.yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/) Recent engagement activity includes:

- **A62 Leeds Road - Huddersfield Town Centre to Old Fieldhouse Lane.**  
The first phase of the engagement took place in November 2018. A further phase is planned during spring 2020, the purpose of this being an opportunity for the public to comment on plans before they are submitted to full business case. Further information is available at: [www.yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/A62phase1](http://www.yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/A62phase1)

### Better Deal for Bus Users

- 2.1 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.

2.2 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.

#### Transpennine Express Rolling Stock

2.3 Transpennine Express (TPE) continue to introduce more trains into passenger service. There are now four Nova 3 in operation per day on the Liverpool – Manchester – Huddersfield – Leeds – York – Scarborough route. More of these will be introduced once staff training has completed and further trains have been accepted from CAF (who are supplying the trains). There are now 11 Nova 1 trains in service each day on the routes between Liverpool – Manchester – Huddersfield – Leeds – York – Newcastle – Morpeth – Edinburgh and also between Manchester Airport/Manchester – Huddersfield – Leeds – York – Newcastle, these are helping to provide more stability into services and additional capacity. All 16 of TPE's Nova 1 trains will be in service by the end of March 2020.

2.4 In January, TPE announced a season ticket compensation scheme, as an apology for the disruption on the network towards the end of last year. The scheme provided a refund of 3% of the annualised cost of Weekly, Monthly and Annual tickets held between the 1 October and 31 December 2019. TPE also provided compensation of £30 for affected M-Card holders. During February 2020 TPE also held a sale where tens of thousands of tickets were made available for all calling points on its network with fares available for a low as £1 for adults and 50p for children. Such was the popularity of sale that all tickets sold out in just over 24 hours.

#### Rail Timetable Change

2.5 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](http://www.wymetro.com).

2.6 In the May 2020 timetable change, the current Transpennine Express Manchester Piccadilly – Huddersfield service will be extended to call at

Wakefield Kirkgate. This provides the population of Wakefield with a new hourly, all day, faster journey to Manchester. The timings of this train arriving/departing Wakefield Kirkgate has been designed to connect well with other train services and buses for West Yorkshire.

**3. Recommendations**

3.1 That the information report be noted.

**4. Background Documents**

4.1 None.