
Report to: Bradford 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 Bradford District.
- 1.2 Updates on regional and national issues are covered in the papers for Transport Committee, the latest set are available on the following link;
<https://westyorkshire.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=138&MId=1021>

2. Information

Bus Services

- 2.1 The network of bus services which links the Airport with Leeds and Bradford are jointly funded by the Combined Authority and the Airport company. Following a procurement process, Transdev has been engaged to operate the services which will be branded “Flyer”. Route changes to the Bradford services will enable a faster journey time between the City and the Airport and new links to Apperley Bridge rail station.
- 2.2 Yorkshire Tiger gave notice of early termination of contracts to run local services in the Shipley/ Bradford area following the loss of the Airport contracts. Tenders were invited and a contract has been awarded to TLC Travel Ltd to operate the services on a “gross cost basis”; this is where all fares revenue accrues to the Combined Authority and reduces the overall cost of the contracts. Arising from a review and re procurement of bus services in the Calderdale district, it has been possible to reinstate a through bus service between Halifax and Keighley.
- 2.3 Across West Yorkshire, the Combined Authority has delivered an £8 million Clean Bus Technology programme to equip 476 buses with emission control equipment to enable them to meet clean air zone standards. As at June 2020,

59% of the Bradford bus fleet met this standard (compared with 59% of the West Yorkshire fleet).

Active Travel - Emergency Active Travel Fund

- 2.4 On the 5th June, the Combined Authority submitted an application for tranche one of the Department for Transport's (DfT) Emergency Active Travel funding, on behalf of the Combined Authority and West Yorkshire partner councils. The programme of schemes was established to provide swift and meaningful plans to provide more safe space for cyclists and pedestrians
- 2.5 An application for £10.053 million of tranche two funding was submitted on the 7th August, in line with the indicative allocations published by DfT. This set out a programme of temporary and permanent infrastructure delivery across West Yorkshire, supported by accompanying behaviour change activities to enable more people to make use of the new infrastructure, and monitoring and evaluation. The outcome is expected to be announced at the end of August. The full details of the programme submitted will be published once an announcement has been made by government.
- 2.6 The programme was developed in partnership with partner councils, and Transport Committee members provided comments on the application form and proposed programme alongside Leaders and Portfolio Holders. The proposed programme was shared with members of the West Yorkshire Bus Alliance and the CityConnect Advisory Group for comment before submission.
- 2.7 Comments received through online interactive mapping platforms were also used by partners to identify schemes within the programme, including the Your Voice interactive map covering Calderdale, Kirklees and Wakefield, and equivalent online engagement tools managed by Bradford Council and Leeds City Council. To date there have been over 1,600 comments made on the Your Voice map, from almost 400 contributors since launch in June.
- 2.8 As with tranche one, it is proposed to manage delivery of the tranche two programme through the existing CityConnect programme governance structure.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 That the information report be noted.

4. Background Documents

- 4.1 None.