

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
CALDERDALE DISTRICT CONSULTATION SUB-COMMITTEE  
HELD ON TUESDAY, 13 OCTOBER 2020 AT REMOTE MEETING – TO  
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**Present:**

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| Councillor Daniel Sutherland (Chair)   | Transport Committee   |
| John Sheppard (Deputy Chair)           | Public Representative |
| Councillor Peter Caffrey               | Transport Committee   |
| Myra James (Public Representative)     | Public Representative |
| Richard Potter (Public Representative) | Public Representative |
| Geoff Wood (Public Representative)     | Public Representative |

**In attendance:**

|               |                                   |
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| Edwin Swaris  | West Yorkshire Combined Authority |
| Tom Bridge    | First Group                       |
| Pete Myers    | Arriva Rail North Limited         |
| Richard Isaac | Arriva Rail North Limited         |
| Dwayne Wells  | Arriva Yorkshire                  |
| Ben Kearns    | West Yorkshire Combined Authority |

**10. Open Forum**

There were no questions from members of the public.

**11. Apologies for absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

**12. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interests at the meeting.

**13. Exempt Information - Possible exclusion of the press and public**

There were no items that required the exemption of the press and public.

#### **14. Minutes of the meeting held on 15 October 2019**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 15 October 2019 be approved

#### **15. Minutes of the Joint DCSC meeting held on 17 July 2020**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the joint DCSC meeting held on 17 July 2020 be noted.

#### **16. Information Report**

Members considered a report which set out various updates on transport issues in Calderdale.

Members made the following comments:

- That it was good to see that the plans for a new bus station in Halifax were progressing and had been approved by members of the Calderdale Council's Planning Committee.
- That the design of the bus station was improved, and the inclusion of a green roof was positive.
- That T J Walsh had ceased trading and tenders had been invited the company's services which were not in competition with other operators and contracts had been awarded to Yorkshire Tiger and South Pennine Community Transport.
- That the service between Halifax and Keighley had been reintroduced and also a service between Brighouse, Rastrick, Elland and Halifax on Sundays which was a positive.
- That an application for Tranche 2 of the Emergency Active Travel Fund had been submitted and a response from Government was awaited.

**Resolved:** That the report be noted.

#### **17. Operator Updates**

Members were provided with the following operator updates.

Northern:

- Northern were in the process of putting together their December timetable.
- Strains on timetabling during pandemic due to illness, self – isolation. Timetables had been amended as staffing levels improved.
- Altering of usership in that there was no discernible morning or evening

peak

- Currently at between 30 and 35 per cent of pre Covid patronage.
- Mask compliance generally good but can only be legally enforced by police.
- Introduced flexible season ticket to be trialled in West Yorkshire to respond to the working pattern post Covid.

Arriva

- Arriva patronage was at around 50% of pre-pandemic levels.
- That the service from Halifax to Keighley had provide popular
- Arriva clarified their flexible ticketing offer in the form of the m-card which was flexible and allowed use across multiple officers.

First

- Patronage on First bus services had also reached about 50% of pre-pandemic levels.
- First had amended their app so it displayed the number of passengers on a bus to enable passengers to know how busy the bus was before they board.
- Mask compliance was generally high.
- A Member asked a question regarding the 549 dropping to hourly from half hourly. First would take the question away and respond.

**Resolved:** That the operator updates be noted.

## **18. Workshop Session - Carbon Reduction Pathways**

Information on the Carbon Reduction Pathways would be circulated separately to members.