

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CALDERDALE DISTRICT CONSULTATION SUB-COMMITTEE
HELD ON TUESDAY, 13 OCTOBER 2020 AS A REMOTE MEETING**

Present:

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:

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 for the company's services 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 patronage 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 proved popular

- Arriva clarified their 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 an hourly service 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.