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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.
- 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; [WYCA - Modern Gov.](#)
- 1.3 A list of current projects in Leeds District where there is current activity is provided at Appendix 1

## **2. Information**

### Core bus network

- 2.1 In July 2020, West Yorkshire Combined Authority engaged with the Sub Committee together with stakeholders and members of the public on proposals for the new Leeds Core Bus Network, with respondents showing their overwhelming support for new colour-coded bus lines and maps to help passenger navigation.
- 2.2 West Yorkshire Combined Authority is now transforming the look and feel of bus stop infrastructure on the core bus network in Leeds. Coupled with user-friendly signage, 2,300 bus stops are receiving a facelift. New network maps will include named and coloured bus lines to help passengers find which bus they need to take to get from A to B. The maps will be at most bus stops along the Core Network and available online, making planning journeys around Leeds much simpler. The new Leeds city centre map is also divided into zones, enabling passengers to easily identify where to catch their bus from when returning home or journeying onwards from the city centre.

- 2.3 The Core Bus Network is made up of 18 bus lines for services that run every 15 minutes or better. The network also includes bus services that provide direct express services from the city centre to key locations across Leeds.

#### Stourton Park & Ride

- 2.4 Stourton Park & Ride officially opened in Leeds on the 6 September. The fully solar powered site is served by zero-emission electric buses, operating every 10 minutes along dedicated bus lanes taking just 15 minutes to travel to Leeds City Centre. Stourton Park & Ride has capacity for 1,200 vehicles including 26 electric car charging points, secure cycle storage and dedicated disabled, family and motorcycle bays. Stourton Park & Ride also has a Changing Places toilet that offers additional space and facilities for carers and families who plan journeys around specialist toilet facilities.

#### Flexibus East Leeds

- 2.5 FlexiBus East Leeds is a new demand responsive service which was launched on 27 September. The service operates from 7am to 7pm Monday to Saturday, and is a pre bookable service that connects people to local places within the East Leeds area.
- 2.6 Passengers must book at least one hour before they wish to travel and the bus will pick them up at a safe and convenient place within 200m (3 minutes walk) of their location. Journeys can be booked via the Flexibus App or by calling MetroLine.
- 2.7 Appendix 2 provides further information on the service, including the area covered, and is also available at [FlexiBus East Leeds | Metro \(wymetro.com\)](#)

#### Leeds Public Transport Investment Programme

- 2.8 The Core Bus Network, Stourton Park & Ride/ A61 south bus priority corridor and Flexibus are all funded by the Leeds Public Transport Investment Programme. This programme has also delivered improvements at Headrow/ Park Row/ Infirmary Street with works elsewhere in the city centre around Corn Exchange together with several other bus priority corridors in the city currently in progress.

#### A64 Improvement Scheme

- 2.9 Leeds City Council and the West Yorkshire Combined Authority have developed proposals to deliver a series of bus priority improvements along the A64, alongside improvements for people walking and cycling. The scheme area extends from the A64 junction with Marsh Lane on the edge of the city centre to Whinmoor. Following public consultation, a report is due to be published on the YourVoice page at <https://www.yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/a64>

### Elland Road Cycle Route

- 2.10 The city's new Elland Road cycle route was officially opened on 20 September 2021. The 1.5km route, which runs from Elland Road Park & Ride to the city centre, will help connect people in south Leeds with job, training, education and leisure opportunities.
- 2.11 It is part of a £6.4 million package delivered by the West Yorkshire Combined Authority in partnership with Leeds City Council, including the Claypit Lane route that opened earlier this summer and a scheme to extend the existing segregated cycle lane on Dewsbury Road with a 1.5km section of new route between Garnet Road and Beeston Ring Road.

### Cottingley Rail Station

- 2.12 West Yorkshire Combined Authority is currently considering the closure of Cottingley Rail Station and is undergoing a consultation process. This closure is being considered due to the construction of a new, more accessible station 800m from Cottingley at White Rose with extensive walking and cycling routes to and from the wider community. Feedback and comments can be left on the project's YourVoice page at <https://www.yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/cottingley>

### Consultation on the Police and Crime Plan

- 2.13 A region-wide consultation was launched on 1 September, seeking feedback on the Mayor's Police and Crime Plan, which sets out the strategic policing and crime priorities for West Yorkshire. The consultation will run until 17 October; more information on the consultation is available at: [www.yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/police-and-crime-plan-consultation](http://www.yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/police-and-crime-plan-consultation)

## **3. Recommendations**

- 3.1 That the information report be noted.

## **4. Background Documents**

None.

## **5. Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Leeds Current Project Activity

Appendix 2 Flexibus