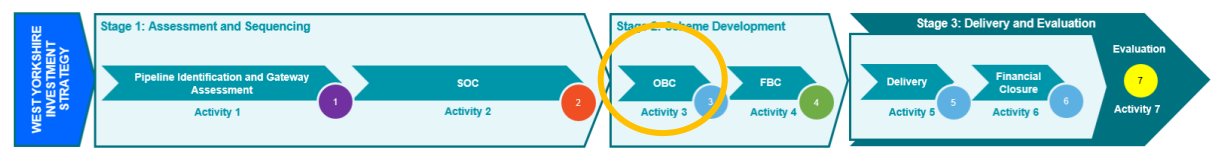


Section A: Scheme Summary

Name of scheme:	TCF Dewsbury Bus Station
Lead organisation:	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Applicable funding stream(s) – Grant or Loan:	Transforming Cities Fund - Grant
Growth Fund Priority Area (if applicable):	Delivering 21st Century Transport
Approvals to date:	Strategic Outline Case - September 2020
Forecasted full approval date (decision point 4):	July 2023
Forecasted completion date (decision point 6):	June 2025
Total scheme cost (£):	£14,337,600
Combined Authority funding (£):	£14,337,600
Total other public sector investment (£):	£0
Total other private sector investment (£):	£0
Is this a standalone project?	Yes
Is this a programme?	No
Is this project part of an agreed programme?	Yes - Transforming Cities Fund

Current Assurance Process Activity:



Scheme Description:

The scheme will fully refurbish Dewsbury Bus Station making it safer and more accessible. The scheme has been developed in response to a range of challenges associated with people feeling unsafe because of anti-social behaviour, poor access to the bus station and to the facilities inside, road safety and a lack of quality services.

The scheme will modernise the existing building making it more attractive and welcoming to encourage people to use the bus station and travel by bus, rather than private car, reducing vehicle carbon emissions.

The scheme will install new seating, lighting, flooring and an information point in the concourse, and new signs will help people navigate in and around the bus station. New real time information boards will also be installed providing passengers with live bus and rail information.

The scheme will also include a new roof with solar panels, cycle parking facilities, a Changing Places facility with fully accessible toilets and generous space and equipment, and improvements to staff areas.

Outside the bus station there will be additional bus layover bays and improvements to make it easier and safer to walk around the bus station and landscaping and planting to make the area greener and more attractive.

The scheme supports wider regeneration in the town centre, leading to economic growth, attracting businesses, and improved access to educational opportunities in the town and the rest of Kirklees.

Business Case Summary:

Strategic Case

Dewsbury is located in Kirklees, which is strategically located on the national motorway and rail networks, with strong commuting and business connections to Leeds, Manchester, and Sheffield, as well as relationships with neighbouring areas including Calderdale, Bradford, and Wakefield.

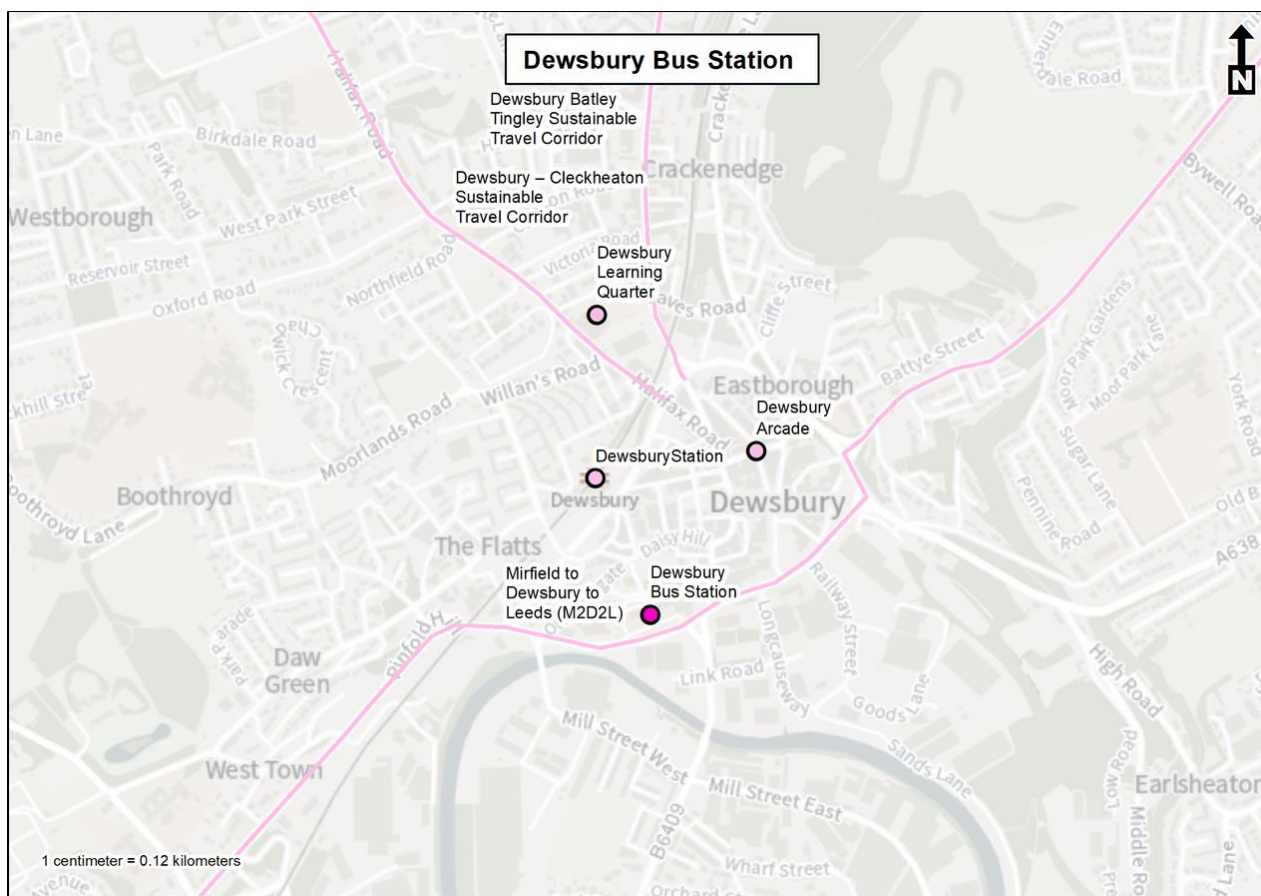
Dewsbury Bus Station was rebuilt in 1994 and is owned by the Combined Authority. Approximately 20,000 people use the bus station daily which is close to the town's retail and employment areas. Dewsbury Train Station is situated close by, to the north.

The existing bus station has challenges including concerns around personal safety, accessibility, road safety and a lack of quality services. The scheme will create a more welcoming and attractive bus station, where people feel safe, which is accessible and has better facilities and has the potential to attract more visitors to the town. This will lead to economic growth in the town centre, by attracting businesses, and making it easier

	<p>for people to access training and educational opportunities in Dewsbury and the wider City Region.</p> <p>The proposed scheme at Dewsbury Bus Station will help reduce reliance on cars and promote buses as a convenient alternative. The scheme complements wider investment in bus priority, walking and cycling within Dewsbury town centre as well as along key corridors into the town.</p>
Commercial Case	<p>There is comprehensive evidence to support investment in Dewsbury Bus Station. Kirklees Council's adopted Local Plan, together with the Dewsbury Blueprint, are based on detailed assessments of the challenges, needs and opportunities that the scheme is seeking to address, and which have been used to define the objectives.</p> <p>Revitalising Dewsbury, particularly in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and recovery planning is a significant challenge.</p> <p>Many people are choosing to travel locally by private car, contributing to congestion and poor air quality because of poor perceptions of the bus station and bus travel in the area. Poor links and access, in and around the bus station are also discouraging people travelling by bike or on foot from continuing their journey by bus and vice versa. 71% of responses to the public consultation agreed or strongly agreed that the station is not comfortable. The station needs improvement and modernisation in order to attract new bus users, encourage former users to return, and retain them.</p> <p>All of the retail units within the bus station are currently vacant with the exception of the Arriva staff room. This contributes to fewer people using the bus station and reduces rental revenues, which impacts on bus station maintenance budgets and therefore the condition of the bus station.</p>
Economic Case	<p>The benefit cost ratio for this scheme is 0.8:1 representing low value for money. However, the scheme brings wider benefits to the area and will reduce carbon emissions from the running of the bus station by installing solar panels and an air source heat pump. The scheme's An Equality Impact Assessment shows a positive impact on people with protected characteristics.</p>
Financial Case	<p>The estimated total scheme cost is £14,337,600 and will be solely funded by the Combined Authority from TCF.</p>
Management Case	<p>This scheme will be managed by the Combined Authority which has a strong record of delivering similar projects for example, the Castleford Bus Station refurbishment in 2015.</p> <p>The scheme is expected to commence delivery in September 2023 and be completed by January 2025.</p>

Location Map

The following map shows the location of the Dewsbury Bus Station scheme:



Please note, depending on the level of scheme development, the location and scope of the schemes indicated here are indicative only.

For further information on Combined Authority schemes across the Leeds City Region, please refer to: <https://www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/growing-theeconomy/leeds-city-region-infrastructure-map>