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**Report to:** Calderdale 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 Calderdale 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 Calderdale District where there is current activity is provided at Appendix 1.

## **2. Information**

### Halifax Bus Station

- 2.1 Work is progressing on the new Halifax Bus Station scheme. From Sunday 27 February, the station entrance, travel centre and bus stands were relocated to the other side of the site, near the Sunday School Façade and Sainsbury's on Winding Road. Services 586 and 587, 226, 348 and 349 also moved to town centre bus stops from that date.
- 2.2 Most bus services currently run from the town centre during the day with some evening services returning to the station from 7pm. A small number of services are remaining on site throughout.
- 2.3 During this latest phase of works, which is expected to last until summer 2023, the cash and vending machines, as well as the photobooth, will be unavailable. There will not be any public toilets at the bus station during this time. The nearest facilities are on Albion Street, next to the Borough Market's southern entrance, which is within walking distance and closer to most bus

services that have been moved to existing stops in the town centre.

- 2.4 Construction work is expected to continue until summer 2023.
- 2.5 The Combined Authority continues to work closely with bus operators and our partners at Calderdale Council to minimise disruption and ensure people can continue to access Halifax town centre by public transport, and to ensure changes are widely communicated. Work is also ongoing with local disabled people's organisations to understand and address accessibility issues arising from the changes and ensure disruption information is communicated in accessible formats.
- 2.6 Following feedback that wheelchair users had difficulty boarding and alighting buses at Market Street stop 13 due to issues with the kerb height and camber, a 'bus pad' is being trialled at the stop. The pad is a slightly elevated rubber platform, installed on the pavement to raise the level of the kerb, allowing users to board/alight buses with relative ease.

#### Halifax Train Station

- 2.7 Calderdale Council, in partnership with the West Yorkshire Combined Authority and Network Rail, is working to provide improvements to Halifax Railway Station. The proposed new facilities will include a new two-storey station building, a new town footbridge, improved walking, wheeling and cycling access and the reopening of an historic underpass, allowing access to the eastern side of the station.
- 2.8 Public consultation on the scheme in January 2021 sought feedback on the design proposals and the responses were used to further develop the project designs. A follow up consultation took place between late November 2021 and the end of January 2022 to show the updated designs, and again the feedback given will be used to further shape the plans. Further information is available from: [www.calderdalenextchapter.co.uk/projects/halifax-railway-station](http://www.calderdalenextchapter.co.uk/projects/halifax-railway-station)

### **3. Recommendations**

- 3.1 That the information report be noted.

### **4. Background Documents**

None.

### **5. Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Calderdale Current Project Activity