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

2. Information

Bus Service Changes

- 2.1 Following a recent bus service change to services in the Wakefield and North Kirklees areas from Sunday 27 February, the Combined Authority has stepped in to fund vital bus links to two communities most affected by the proposals.
 - Ossett's direct link to White Rose Centre and Leeds will be maintained by new hourly service 116 operated by Station Coaches. It will run from Horbury and Ossett to Shaw Cross, White Rose and Leeds Bus Station from Monday 28 February, replacing service Arriva service 117. New service 116 will initially run Monday to Friday only, with a Saturday service to be introduced at a later date once sufficient drivers have been recruited.
 - The changes also meant that passengers in Knottingley would no longer be able to catch a bus direct to nearby Castleford. Ross Travel will now operate service 157, hourly, from Windermere Drive in Knottingley to Castleford Bus Station, again starting on Monday 28 February.

- 2.2 Both services are financially supported by the Combined Authority on a short-term basis to assess if there is passenger demand to support the services on a longer term basis.

Horsefair Streets for People Scheme

- 2.3 Wakefield Council and the West Yorkshire Combined Authority 'streets for people' scheme aims to help create safe and healthy street environments, which work well for all people and help them live active, healthy lives in areas of good air quality. The scheme will reconnect Pontefract town centre with the castle and make it easier for people to walk, cycle and use public transport.
- 2.4 Views are now being sought on the proposals, and further details are available at: www.wakefield.gov.uk/have-your-say The consultation is open for contributions until Monday 15 March 2022.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 That the information report be noted.

4. Background Documents

None.

5. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Wakefield Current Project Activity