

Report to: Transport Committee

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Subject: **Signoff of the State of the Region Transport Theme Indicators**

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Are there implications for equality and diversity?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

1. Purpose of this report

- 1.1 To seek the committee's approval, subject to any comments, for headline indicators related to transport to be included in the second iteration of the West Yorkshire State of the Region report to be published later this year.

2. Information

State of the Region 2022

- 2.2 The next iteration of State of the Region report, the Combined Authority's annual stock-take of West Yorkshire's socio-economic performance, will be published later this year. Indicators within State of the Region are intended to provide a high level, strategic picture of performance against the Combined Authorities priorities rather than a detailed examination of operational performance of specific projects. However, operational indicators can be mapped against these strategic indicators to show the linkages and contribution of operational activities to identified impact areas.
- 2.3 Analysis within State of the Region will also examine the full range of equality, diversity and inclusion implications, building on the Women and Girls report published in 2021. The main State of the Region report will be supplemented

with a series of published interactive dashboards which will allow users to drill down into the available data for each indicator under each priority.

Proposed indicators

2.4 State of the Region 2021 assessed performance against 40 headline indicators linked to the Strategic Economic Framework priorities. The suite of indicators included in the next iteration of State of the Region will be thematically grouped by the Combined Authorities corporate priorities:

- Enabling a diverse, skilled workforce and accessible learning for all
- Creating an accessible clean and customer focused transport system
- Driving economic growth and innovation to enable good jobs
- Championing culture, sport and creativity
- Building a sustainable, nature rich and carbon neutral region
- Empowering our communities, towns and cities to thrive
- Supporting community safety and accountable proactive policing

The indicators for the priority of “Creating an accessible clean and customer focused transport system” are shown below. The appendix provides the headline position of these indicators using the most recently available data. When published the State of the Region report will include detail on socio-economic breakdowns (where available), as well as examining indicators through an Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) lens.

- Access inequality ratio (the ratio of the number of jobs accessible in 30 minutes using the bus network from most deprived areas in West Yorkshire, relative to the number of jobs accessible by car in 30 minutes from same areas, during the morning peak)
- West Yorkshire mode share (trips per person per year by mode)
- Average distance travelled by mode (new in State of the Region for 2022)
- Reported road casualties
- MCard ticket transactions
- Satisfaction with highway infrastructure
- Satisfaction with public transport

2.5 Pending any feedback from Transport Committee, it is proposed to retain these indicators for future reporting as they remain core measures of West Yorkshire’s progress on improving transport in the region.

2.6 Notably, a much wider suite of transport indicators are included in the Transport Strategy’s Annual Monitoring Report ‘The State of the Transport’ which will be presented to Transport Committee later this year. The branding of this report will be tweaked to help tie this together with the State of The Region 2022 Report.

Levelling up indicators

- 2.7 The recent Levelling Up white paper also set out a series of indicators linked to 12 levelling up missions. The more than 40 metrics / indicators contained within the White Paper are designed to measure progress in addressing regional and sub-regional disparities in the UK and have some relevance to the CA's own monitoring work. A list of the indicators is provided in the appendix. There are a number of points to note:
- Many of the indicators are already contained within the existing State of the Region indicator bank
 - A number of the indicators cannot currently be measured at West Yorkshire level although there is an intention on the part of government to make more data available in future. These would be treated as supplementary / contextual indicators (with reporting at Yorkshire and the Humber or national level as data allows) until West Yorkshire level data become available.
- 2.8 The general approach that is recommended is to treat the levelling up metrics (other than those that are already part of the State of the Region basket) as supplementary indicators that will be considered alongside the core indicators (within an appendix to the main report). This is in the interests of keeping the list of indicators to a manageable level and focusing on the metrics that are most directly relevant to our priorities, whilst still reporting on the full range of levelling up indicators, which are clearly of public interest.

Equality, diversity and inclusion

- 2.9 As noted above, State of the Region 2022 will include a dedicated sub-report on Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, which where possible will analyse indicators by individual characteristics, including ethnicity, sex, disability status and deprivation – the purpose is to highlight specific examples of inequalities. For the specific indicators set out above, this will include an examination of age, gender.
- 2.10 Beyond indicators specifically associated with the Transport Committee agenda, State of the Region will provide further insight by applying inclusive growth and equality and diversity lenses to the following indicators:
- Healthy Life Expectancy
 - Employment rate
 - Qualification / skills attainment
 - Low pay
 - Quality work
 - Participation in education and training (including apprenticeships)
 - Accessibility of jobs by public transport.

3. Tackling the Climate Emergency Implications

- 3.1 There are no direct implications from this paper, but the wider State of the Region study will enable us to assess West Yorkshire progress towards a net zero economy.

4. Inclusive Growth Implications

- 4.1 The proposed State of the Region indicators and monitoring arrangements will provide an insight into the degree of inclusion within West Yorkshire's economy.

5. Equality and Diversity Implications

- 5.1 Future reporting will bring out equality and diversity implications across all indicators where data are available, as noted above.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 There are no financial implications directly arising from this report.

7. Legal Implications

- 7.1 There are no legal implications directly arising from this report.

8. Staffing Implications

- 8.1 There are no direct staffing implications directly arising from this report. However, the Committee should note our plans to increase capacity in this area.

9. External Consultees

- 9.1 No external consultations have been undertaken.

10. Recommendations

- 10.1 That the Committee reviews the proposed indicators with a view to approving them and / or amending them or suggesting additional indicators.

11. Background Documents

There are no background documents referenced in this report.

12. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Overview of indicators.