

SCRUTINY BOARD (CITY DEVELOPMENT)

WEDNESDAY, 17TH FEBRUARY, 2016

PRESENT: Councillor P Truswell in the Chair

Councillors B Anderson, A Castle,
P Davey, R Harington, J Heselwood,
S McKenna, P Wadsworth and J Walker

60 Late Items

The Board received the following supplementary information in relation to agenda item 8, Leeds Cycling Starts Here (Tour de France Legacy) Update:

- Case Studies – Cycling Activity in Leeds

The above information was not available at the time of agenda despatch, but was subsequently made available on the Council's website.

61 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were no disclosable pecuniary interests declared to the meeting.

62 Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitutes

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillor M Ingham , Councillor C Townsley and Councillor D Cohen. Councillor D Cohen was substituted by Councillor B Anderson.

63 Minutes - 27 January 2016

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 27 January 2016, be approved as a correct record.

64 Inquiry into Bus Service Provision

The Head of Scrutiny and Member Development and West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA) submitted a report which provided the Scrutiny Board with the information required to undertake the Second session of the inquiry into bus service provision.

The following information was appended to the report:

- KPMG – Local Bus Market Study (January 2016)

The following representatives were in attendance:

- Councillor Richard Lewis, Executive Board Member (Regeneration, Transport and Planning)
- Councillor Keith Wakefield, Chair of Transport Committee
- Andrew Hall, Head of Transportation
- Tom Gifford, WYCA, Project Manager
- Neale Wallace, WYCA, Bus Services Manager

The key areas of discussion were:

- The proposed vision of the developing West Yorkshire Single Transport plan which will include the Bus Plan for West Yorkshire, including the strategic and policy context of the Bus Plan.
- The opportunity for growth in patronage and the target to maximise 25% patronage growth.
- The programme of forthcoming consultation on the Bus Plan and the reasons why consultation was being undertaken.
- Air quality and the recognition of hot spots in the City where pollution is having a negative impact on health. The need for Bus Operators to meet environmental standards to improve air quality and meet the aspiration for zero emissions.
- The Nexus experience, if the current legislation was impractical and if there were any lessons to be learned.
- The impact of congestion on bus services and the investment in road improvement works. The broader issues around the bus system which included quality, resources and service resilience.
- Competition and the intervention required to promote this. The problems with individual ticketing and the need to change the ticketing system.
- The need for connected integrated transport structures.

RESOLVED – The report was noted and the evidence considered as part of the inquiry.

65 Leeds Cycling Starts Here (Tour de France legacy) - update

The Director of City Development submitted a report which presented an update on the preparation of the Leeds Cycling Starts Here (LCSH) Strategy, Action Plan and long term cycling ambition and strategy for the city.

The following information was appended to the report:

- Leeds Cycling Starts Here Strategy – Aims and Themes
- Leeds Cycling Starts Here Strategy – Action Plan Overview

The following representatives were in attendance:

- Councillor Richard Lewis, Executive Board Member (Regeneration Transport and Planning)

- Mark Allman, Head of Service for Sport
- Ray Hill, Team Leader (Travel Plans and Choices).

The key areas of discussion were:

- Consultation about phase 2 of the cycle super highway. The Board was advised that the team were working with Elected Members and communities. Work was being undertaken to ensure the best approach to consultation.
- The complex nature of highways design (with reference to Stanningley Bottoms) and meeting the needs of the communities. The importance of engagement with communities and the undertaking that this matter will be looked at by Cycling Board.
- Cycling road safety, skills development and providing the opportunities for improving the standards and behaviours of both child and adult cyclists.
- Promotion of the benefits of the super highway network.
- Communication of the Boddington development. The Board was advised that this was only recently confirmed two months ago.
- Communication and promotion of Tour de Yorkshire which included exploring community support and engagement so that opportunities were not missed.
- The consultation process, extent of consultation engagement particularly with hard to reach groups and funding the consultation.

RESOLVED –

The Scrutiny Board:

- a) Considered the Leeds Cycling Starts Here programme update
- b) Recommended the need for improved communication and promotion regarding City Connect and the cycle super highway
- c) Recommended that opportunities within communities are maximised to strengthen Tour de France and Tour de Yorkshire legacy.
- d) Recommended integrated transport planning for liveable places that is inclusive of cycling, walking and also motorised transport.

66 Work Schedule

A report was submitted by the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development which detailed the Scrutiny Board's draft work programme for the current municipal year.

RESOLVED – The Scrutiny Board notes the content of the report and agrees the revised work schedule.

67 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Wednesday, 30 March 2016 at 10.30am (pre-meeting for all Board Members at 10.00am)

(The meeting concluded at 12:25pm)