

Report of the Head of Scrutiny

Report to Scrutiny Board (City Development)

Date: 20 July 2016

Subject: Inquiry Terms of Reference Formulation - Supertram and NGT Transport Schemes and Beyond

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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1. Summary of Main Issues

Leeds City Council has an ambition to be the best council in the UK: fair, open and welcoming with an economy that is both prosperous and sustainable so all our communities are successful. The Vision for Leeds 2011 – 2030 supports this ambition stating that for 2030 Leeds will have a high quality, accessible, reliable and affordable public transport. The Best Council Plan 2015 – 2020 identifies that working with partners the Council wants people and businesses in Leeds to benefit from transport that meets their needs by improving transport connectivity to connect people to jobs and services.

At its meeting on the 15th of June 2016, the Scrutiny Board considered a request for Scrutiny from Cllr Judith Blake, Leader of Leeds City Council, which asked for consideration of the role of the Council, the West Yorkshire Combined Authority/METRO and the city's public transport operators in relation to the decisions for both NGT and Supertram. This will be undertaken as the main scrutiny inquiry for 2016/17.

This report provides guidance to the Scrutiny Board in order to outline terms of reference for the inquiry.

The Director of City Development and WYCA has provided a report which provides initial background information on the development of the Supertram and NGT projects including decisions made by the Council and the approvals and guidance from the DfT that helped shape the projects. It also provides a brief summary of the next steps on the city wide conversation following the Transport Summit held on

10th June. This information and information provided at the meeting on the 20th of July 2016 should facilitate the formulation of outline terms of reference for the Scrutiny inquiry into Supertram and NGT transport schemes and beyond.

2 Scope for Inquiry

When determining the terms of reference for any Scrutiny review the Board should consider:

- What are the specific areas/issues that require further Scrutiny/where can Scrutiny add value?
- What are the desired outcomes linked to this review?
- Timetable - Is there a specific deadline linked to this review?
- Evidence - What information is required?
- Witnesses - Who needs to be involved?

The Board should also note that in line with Scrutiny Board Procedure Rule 12.1 where a Scrutiny Board undertakes an inquiry the Scrutiny Board shall consult with any relevant Director and Executive Member on the terms of reference. Due to the nature of this inquiry WYCA would also be a consultee.

3. Recommendation

The Scrutiny Board (City Development) is recommended to:

- a) Note the information contained within the report of the Director of City Development and WYCA.
- b) Consider the scope of the inquiry and the outline terms of reference.
- c) Request that the Chair and the Scrutiny Officer consult with the relevant Director and Executive Board Members regarding terms of reference and report back to the next meeting with draft terms of reference for agreement.
- d) Note that terms of reference may incorporate additional information during the inquiry should the City Development Scrutiny Board identify any further scope for inquiry or request further witness or evidence.