
Report of the Head of Governance Services and Scrutiny Support

Report to Scrutiny Board (City Development)

Date: 18 January 2017

Subject: Transport for Leeds - Supertram, NGT 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
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

1. Summary of Main Issues

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.

Terms of reference for this inquiry were agreed by the Scrutiny Board at the September 2016 when it was determined that the purpose of the inquiry is to make an assessment of and, where appropriate, make recommendations on the following areas:

- To identify strengths and weaknesses of the Supertram and NGT schemes, what lessons can be learnt, and how learning can be applied to future transport schemes and projects.
- The developing transport strategy, short, medium and long terms options, maximising beneficial impact, and how options could be financed, planned and delivered.
- Meeting the needs and aspirations of communities and stakeholders through engagement and involvement in the shaping and delivery of transport schemes and projects.

2 Inquiry Session January 2017

The Director of City Development and West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA) have prepared a report which responds to debate and requests for further information at the November Scrutiny Board meeting. This session is structured to facilitate continued reflection and debate about previous transport projects so that lessons can be learnt and applied to future transport schemes.

Representatives in attendance at the November meeting have also been invited to contribute to discussion at this meeting, they are:

- Peter Bonsall, Emeritus Professor of Transport Planning at the University of Leeds
- Bill McKinnon , Vice Chairman of the A660 Joint Council
- Chris Longley, Area Policy Representative, Yorkshire Federation of Small Businesses

At the November Scrutiny Board meeting the board questioned the extent to which 'stated preference' information had been shared with the DfT. The Scrutiny Board requested further information regarding this which is contained as Appendix 1 and detailed in para 3.5.2 of the report from the Director of City Development and WYCA.

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) Note the verbal information provided by the visiting attendees.
- c) Consider the requirements for the next session of the inquiry.