



Report of the Director of Environment & Neighbourhoods

Report to Outer North West Area Committee

Date: 8th February 2010

Subject: Outer North West Leeds Accessibility Planning Pilot Action Plan

Electoral Wards Affected:

Adel & Wharfedale
Horsforth
Guiseley & Rawdon
Otley & Yeadon

Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

Council
Function

Delegated Executive
Function available
for Call In

Delegated Executive
Function not available for
Call in Details set out in the
report

Executive Summary

This report provides Members with an update on the locality based accessibility planning pilot in outer north west Leeds.

1.0 Purpose Of This Report

To update the Area Committee on the outcomes of the Locality Based Accessibility Planning Pilot and to agree the Action Plan arising from the exercise.

2.0 Background Information

Metro are trialing a process undertaking Locality Based Accessibility Planning and invited Outer North west Leeds Area Committee to participate in a pilot.

Improving access to services is a central theme of the 2nd West Yorkshire Local Transport Plan (WYLTP) 2006–11. The aim of the pilot is to identify the Local Accessibility Priorities for each area together with an Accessibility Action Plan which Metro, the council, transport operators and other agencies can carry forward.

3.0 Main Issues

Process and Engagement

Metro undertook an accessibility mapping exercise and presented the outcomes to meetings in Horsforth, Rawdon and Yeadon together with a drop in session in Otley Market Place. Questionnaires were issued to attendees and the results were collated and analysed.

Local Accessibility Priorities

The three key Local Accessibility Priorities in Outer North West Leeds identified by the consultation process are

- Improved links to local rail stations at Guiseley, Menston, Ilkley and Horsforth
- Improved links between towns/villages in the area
- Increased frequency and quality of bus service to Leeds with onwards operations to the major hospitals

Attached to this report is the Accessibility Action Plan for Outer North West Leeds.

4.0 Implications for Council Policy and Governance

Member Consultation

The pilot has been overseen by the Area Committee's Business and Transport Sub Group.

5.0 Legal and Resource Implications

The process of Locality Accessibility Planning does not in itself identify discrete funding to address the issues raised. Its aim is to inform the delivery of currently funded services provided by Metro, Leeds City Council and others to ensure they more effectively target local needs.

6.0 Equality Considerations

7.0 Conclusions

Next step

Metro will circulate the Action Plan amongst key partners and agencies to ensure all are fully aware of the accessibility issues raised by the people of Outer North West Leeds.

8.0 Recommendations

The Area Committee is requested to endorse the Local Accessibility Priorities and the Accessibility Action Plan details in this report.

Background Papers