

Note of 18th July 2012 Meeting
7pm – 9pm, Aireborough Leisure Centre

Appendix 4

Present:

Cllr G Latty (Chair), Zoe Tyler – Area Support Team, Sgt Neil Matthews – West Yorkshire Police, PCSO Nicky Woods – West Yorkshire Police, Oliver Haworth – First Leeds, Clive Hopkinson – Metro and over 60 Residents

Key Issues discussed:

1. West Yorkshire Police Update- Sgt Neil Matthews

The forum were updated on local crime concerns. There are no real issues in Rawdon; in Guiseley there have been reports of ASB at the Sidings on Station Road and McDonalds; a number of thefts from motor vehicles; a burglary on Kelcliffe Lane and 6 drugs arrests. Figures show there is a dip in customer satisfaction and crime perception but crime is down by 35% from 10 years ago. Operational Optimal has helped reduce burglary figures for the area. Residents were reminded to use the 101 number for non emergency and 999 for emergency calls. Work is continuing to reduce metal theft by working with scrap collectors.

2. First Bus – Oliver Haworth / Metro – Clive Hopkinson

Various discussion took place. Discussion took place about the 33 bus, particularly in the light of the Kirkstall Rd improvements which will speed up traffic but the roadworks there at present are causing some delays. OH/CH agreed to explore various issues with the 33 / 33A / 757, particularly a possible diversion to link the centre of Rawdon to the cross roads. Concerns about bus cuts were raised and OH noted a reduction in bus sector operating grants funded by the Government. OH clarified details of national concessionary pass travel scheme use. Real time bus information was raised; it was confirmed there is no funding available for expansion. First are keen to look at expanding services to find new passengers and will look into taking the 97 beyond Guiseley. A discussion took place around the customer service of drivers and cleanliness of buses and First are to make improvements. A discussion took place about the airport bus fares and Metro noted that fares are set by the bus operators in accordance to commercial rates. Metro are working with LCC to look at traffic light improvements along the A65.

3. Any Other Business

Neighbourhood planning – Residents who were interested in forming a Neighbourhood Forum for Guiseley, Rawdon & Yeadon were invited to a meeting in Rawdon on Tuesday 24th July. A further discussion took place around how residents have been advertising the Neighbourhood Forum meetings, the level of commitment needed from residents who want to be involved and whether or not the plan will be mandatory.

Actions:

1. First Buses and Metro will investigate various issues and delays to the 33 / 33A / 97 / 757 **OH/CH**
2. First will look into possible diversions for the 33 to link the centre of Rawdon and the cross roads; and potentially expanding the 97 beyond Guiseley. **OH**
3. First will look into customer service levels, particularly of drivers and bus cleanliness. **OH**
3. Metro to continue to work with LCC to look at traffic lights improvements along the A65 **CH**