



Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to Scrutiny Board (Sustainable Economy and Culture)

Date: 31 January 2013

Subject: Scrutiny Inquiry – Bus Services in Leeds

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Summary of main issues

1. The board decided at its first meeting that it wished to carry out an inquiry on bus services this year. A working group meeting was held on 2 August to meet with representatives from City Development and Metro to scope the inquiry, resulting in the attached terms of reference for the inquiry being agreed by the board (Appendix 1).
2. The first formal session of the inquiry took place in November and the second session took place in December. The board decided in November that it would add a third session to the inquiry, in order to provide additional time to gather evidence. The third session, which is the subject of this meeting, will involve dialogue with representatives from bus operators and passenger representatives.
3. The following witnesses have confirmed their attendance at the meeting:
Passenger representatives
 - David Brady, Vice Chair, Leeds Passenger Consultative Committee
 - Philip Good, bus passenger and former member of Leeds Passenger Consultative Committee
 - Georgiana Weatherill, Environmental and Sustainability Manager, Leeds City College

Bus operator representatives

- Keith McNally, Chair, Association of West Yorkshire Bus Operators (AWYBO)
- Dave Alexander, Regional Managing Director (North), First Group (AWYBO)
- Nigel Featham, Arriva Yorkshire (AWYBO)
- Andrew Stirling, Ross Travel, representing smaller operators (AWYBO).

Officers from City Development and Metro have also been requested to attend the meeting in order to assist in answering questions from the board as required.

4. Attached to this report are the following submissions received from passenger and bus operator representatives:
 - Submission from Philip Good in relation to service 74
 - Report from the Association of West Yorkshire Bus Operators (AWYBO)
 - Executive summary and report from First

Recommendation

5. The board is requested to consider the issues raised by this session of the inquiry, and to decide whether any further evidence is required before discussing initial conclusions and recommendations to inform the board's final report.

Background documents¹

None used

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.