

Future of Bus Provision in Leeds

Date: 27 November 2024

Report of: Head of Democratic Services

Report to: Scrutiny Board (Infrastructure, Investment & Inclusive Growth)

Will the decision be open for call in? Yes No

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? Yes No

Brief summary

The future of bus provision in Leeds has been a long-standing area of interest for the Scrutiny Board. In recent years, members have requested an annual update on significant challenges and opportunities within the sector, as well as developments in the local and national policy context.

Consideration of bus provision within the Scrutiny Board's 2024/25 work programme reflects a wider interest from scrutiny members in the delivery of the ambitions of the [Inclusive Growth Strategy](#), the Council's response to the declared climate emergency and ways in which improved connectivity can better link communities with education, training and employment opportunities.

At the request of the Scrutiny Board the Director of Transport Services at West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA) has provided the appended report as an update about ongoing work at WYCA to advance bus provision across West Yorkshire.

Recommendations

- a) Members are asked to note and comment upon the information set out in the appended report from the Director of Transport Services at West Yorkshire Combined Authority.

What is this report about?

- 1 The appended report provides an update regarding the activity taking place at West Yorkshire Combined Authority to advance bus provision across West Yorkshire and Leeds.
- 2 The report summarises matters which have been reported to meetings of West Yorkshire Combined Authority and its Transport Committee.

What impact will this proposal have?

- 3 The development of more sustainable city-wide transport infrastructure, of which bus service provision is a part, impacts upon residents throughout Leeds. Engagement with this agenda remains a key priority for the Scrutiny Board.

How does this proposal impact the three pillars of the Best City Ambition?

Health and Wellbeing Inclusive Growth Zero Carbon

- 4 The Scrutiny Board's engagement with this matter is reflective of its broader commitment to principles set out in the Best City Ambition.

What are the resource implications?

- 5 Any resource implications are set out in the attached report.

What are the key risks and how are they being managed?

- 6 There are no risk management concerns associated with the scrutiny process.

What are the legal implications?

- 7 Any legal implications are set out in the attached report.

Appendices

- Appendix 1: WYCA Bus Provision Update Paper

Background papers

- None