

Report of Head of Governance and Scrutiny Support

Report to Scrutiny Board (Infrastructure and Investment)

Date: 27 September 2017

Subject: Scrutiny Inquiry – 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

Summary of main issues

- 1 At its meeting on the 15th of June 2016, Scrutiny Board (City Development) considered a request for Scrutiny from Cllr Judith Blake, Leader of Leeds City Council. The Leader asked that the Board consider the role of the Council, the West Yorkshire Combined Authority(WYCA)/METRO and the city's public transport operators in relation to the decisions for both New Generation Transport (NGT) and Supertram. It was resolved that this will be undertaken as the Boards main scrutiny inquiry for 2016/17.
- 2 Terms of reference for this inquiry were agreed in September 2016 when the Board expressed that the purpose of the inquiry was 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 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.

- 3 The inquiry was conducted over six evidence gathering sessions which took place between 20 July 2016 and March 2017 when we received a range of evidence both written and verbal. A further working group to consider all evidence was undertaken in May 2017. Following the gathering of evidence the appended Scrutiny Inquiry Report has been drafted and is presented to the Scrutiny Board for consideration and agreement.
- 4 Scrutiny Board Procedure Rule 13.2 states that "where a Scrutiny Board is considering making specific recommendations it shall invite advice from the appropriate Director(s) prior to finalising its recommendations. The Director shall consult with the appropriate Executive Member before providing any such advice. The detail of that advice shall be reported to the Scrutiny Board and considered before the Board's recommendations are finalised and published on the Council's website". Although no direct recommendations have been made, lessons to be regarded are defined, therefore the Director of City Development and the Director of Transport Services (WYCA) were invited to provide advice on the draft report. This advice is reflected in the current draft report presented to the Scrutiny Board.
- 5 A further opportunity for the provision of advice from the officers of Leeds City Council and WYCA is available at the meeting on the 27 September 2017 and the Scrutiny Board is recommended to consider this before agreeing its report.
- 6 Once the Board publishes its final report, the appropriate Director(s) will be asked to formally respond to the Scrutiny Board's report within three months.

Recommendations

- 7 The Scrutiny Board (Infrastructure and Investment) is recommended to consider and agree the appended report following its inquiry into Transport for Leeds – Supertram, NGT and Beyond.

Background documents

- 8 None used¹

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.