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## Report of the West Leeds Area Manager

### Outer West Area Committee

Date: 8<sup>th</sup> December 2006

### Subject: Metro Bus Station Update

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#### Electoral Wards Affected:

**Pudsey**  
**Calverley & Farsley**  
**Farnley & Wortley**

#### 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

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## Executive Summary

This report seeks to update members on progress with the proposals for Pudsey Bus Station.

### 1.0 Background Information

- 1.1 One of the key priorities identified within the Pudsey Town Centre Action Plan and the Outer West Area Delivery Plan (2005-06) is to improve and possibly re-model Pudsey bus station, to make it more attractive to users, provide better passenger information and make it accessible for all users.
- 1.2 The Outer West Area Committee, at its meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> January endorsed the 'shallow saw-tooth' option presented by Metro for the re-development of the bus station. This option has been refined and tested and formed the basis of the public consultation undertaken during July 2005. The key elements of the proposal are:
- Re-model Leisure Centre car park to re-provide spaces lost through proposed bus station re-development
  - Remove all bus stops from Church Lane and re-locate into the new bus station
  - Reverse one way system on Market Place to allow passenger to alight on bus station concourse
  - New signal controlled junction to allow buses to exit easily

- 1.3 Following the consultation and advice given by Leeds City Council (LCC) Planning Officers, Metro has undertaken further design work to ensure that the appearance of the passenger waiting facility will make the best possible contribution to regeneration in Pudsey, whilst still representing value for money

## **2.0 Main Issues - Proposals for the Passenger Waiting Area**

- 2.1 Artist impressions of the preferred option for the passenger waiting area will be dispatched separately. LCC Planning Officers consider the more open design to be a significant improvement over the previous proposals for a fully enclosed concourse.
- 2.2 Further discussions will take place between Metro and LCC about funding the relocation of the existing public toilets in Pudsey Market Place into the proposed bus station and ongoing servicing of the toilets.
- 2.3 Following initial market research, Metro's specialist advisors consider that there is unlikely to be any market for retail provision within the proposed bus station. It would be possible to add a 'kiosk' in the future if this position should change.

## **3.0 Construction Programme**

- 3.1 There are a number of key stages in the construction programme, including the following:
- Remodelling of the Leisure Centre car park to provide spaces lost through the proposals, prior to any work commencing on the bus station.
  - Planning Consent and Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO's), including road closures. It is possible that objections will be received to the TRO's, and this may have an impact on timescales for delivery.
  - It will be necessary to allow access to all residential and commercial properties throughout the construction period. This will require careful phasing of the construction.
  - It will be necessary to limit any disruption due to construction during the Christmas trading period.
- 3.2 It may be possible to commence construction in late 2007, depending on progress with the stages listed above, but this may risk causing disruption at Christmas. A more realistic start date for construction is early 2008, and it is anticipated that the new bus station will be open to passengers the end of 2008.

## **4.0 Next Steps**

- 4.1 Metro is coordinating a further 'Bus Test' of the proposed layout using the new ftr vehicle, now that it is available for testing.

4.2 It will be necessary to inform members of the public of the changes to the proposed passenger waiting area. It is proposed that a joint information event is arranged by Metro and LCC for January 2007

4.3 Metro intends to submit a planning application for the proposed bus station in Spring 2007.

## **5.0 Recommendations**

5.1 That Members note the progress made on the proposals for the re-development of Pudsey bus station.