



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Sustainable Economy and Culture)

Date: 14th July 2011

Subject: The West Yorkshire Local Transport Plan and the Leeds Implementation Plan

Electoral Wards Affected: All

Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1 Purpose of this report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to facilitate initial discussions with officers on the future transport strategy for the City following the recent approval and publishing of the West Yorkshire Local Transport Plan and in lieu of a more detailed discussion on the Leeds Implementation Plan at the September Board meeting.

2 Background

2.1 At its June meeting the Board agreed that a key area in which the Board should concentrate would be transport. In order to give more focus to the area of Scrutiny it was agreed that initial discussions would be held with officers.

2.2 At today's meeting officers will provide a summary of the West Yorkshire Local Transport Plan. The West Yorkshire Transport Plan is a 15 year plan which sets out West Yorkshire's transport needs and aspirations up to 2026. The plan covers all forms of local transport including buses, trains, roads, cycling and walking. The plan was adopted on 1st April 2011. This is the third Local Transport Plan for West Yorkshire and is branded as 'My Journey West Yorkshire'. The plan has been prepared in partnership by Metro, and the district councils of Bradford, Calderdale, Kirklees, Leeds and Wakefield.

2.3 Four themes run through the Plan to help ensure it achieves its aims.

- Transport Assets
- Travel Choices

- Connectivity.
- Enhancements

- 2.4 Further detail and supporting information is available from the Local Transport Plan website at www.wyltp.com and a summary sheet is attached for information.
- 2.5 To make the contents of this lengthy document more accessible, a Leeds Implementation Plan is being produced which sets out the transport strategy for the city, which will seek to address current and anticipated problems including those on the A65 and A660 and other areas raised by Members in June.
- 2.6 The future transport strategy for Leeds will take into account the Leeds City Region transport strategy that was approved in 2009.
- 2.7 The Chair of the Scrutiny Board has agreed that pending a more detailed discussion on the Leeds Implementation Plan in September, officers be invited to brief Members on some of the emerging issues and challenges facing the City and to hear the views of Members.
3. Recommendations
- 3.1 Members are asked to:
- (i) Discuss with officers the West Yorkshire Transport Plan and emerging Transport Strategy for the City
 - (ii) Note that the Implementation Plan will be discussed in detail at the September meeting.

Background papers

Leeds City Region Transport Strategy

West Yorkshire Transport Plan