

Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to Scrutiny Board (Sustainable Economy and Culture)

Date: 20 September 2012

Subject: Scrutiny Board Inquiry Session 4 – Inquiry into the impact of existing major sources of travel movements within the City, and the plans being made to address the impact of known future developments on the City’s transport infrastructure

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 On 16 June 2011 the Scrutiny Board considered the work programme for the year and determined that transport would be one of the key areas on which the Board would concentrate. On 14 July and 22 September 2011 the Scrutiny Board considered the West Yorkshire Transport Plan and Leeds Local Implementation Plan and Strategy and resolved that further Scrutiny be undertaken to establish if transport infrastructure and management is sufficient for Leeds as a developing city in order to sustain economic growth.

The following matters were specifically highlighted as areas of interest:

- a. Traffic impact of new city centre developments under construction or in planning and maintaining traffic flow
- b. Outcome and progress of the NGT scheme and other funding bid requests for major transport works in the City
- c. Park and Ride schemes
- d. Links around and through the City, with particular reference to the north and north-west areas

Submission of Evidence

- 2 Evidence was submitted to the board in accordance with the terms of reference agreed at the December 2011 meeting.

Session 1 – 26th January 2012

- Current transport challenges for the City
- Forecasting, planning and delivery – The integrated approach to identify demand, generate capacity and keep transport flowing
- The role of good transport availability for tackling deprivation
- Transport as a catalyst for the growth of employment and inward investment

Session 2 – 22nd March 2012

- Draft Transport Strategy for the City Centre
- Traffic management strategies and plans
- Network management
 - Links and control of traffic flowing into and around the city centre
 - the improvement of travel times
 - plans for managing disruption to networks/traffic flow around Arena, Eastgate and Harewood quarter and other major city centre developments whilst under construction and once completed
- Promoting sustainable movement including the integration of pedestrians and cyclists

Session 3 – 19th April 2012

- Meeting future demand – Forecast growth and development of the City and the capacity of the transport infrastructure as detailed in the Leeds Implementation Plan to cope in the long, medium and short term. (Census information 2010 if available)
- Park and Ride
 - overview of functioning park and ride schemes in the City and their effectiveness
 - overview of the public consultation that has taken place with regard to functioning sites
 - update on the current position, including development work in progress and potential future options, including influences/rationale for site selection
 - planned consultation process to be undertaken and timetable
 - the opportunities and barriers and the outcomes that might be expected from park and ride

- 3 The board determined that the outcome of the NGT bid and the next steps to be taken should also be considered as part of this inquiry, once the Government decision on funding the scheme proposal had been made. The Government made their announcement in July 2012. The attached report is brought before the Scrutiny Board (Sustainable Economy and Culture) to provide an update with respect to the Leeds New Generation Transport (NGT) scheme.
- 4 The attached report completes the submission of evidence for this scrutiny inquiry. An inquiry report will be prepared for the Board's approval.

Recommendation

- 5 The Sustainable Economy and Culture Scrutiny Board is recommended to note and comment on the information contained within the attached report.

Background Papers

None