

COUNCIL MEETING – 15TH JANUARY 2020

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White Paper	WP2	6/1/20	7/1/20

Submitted by:	Councillor David Blackburn
Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel:	Executive Board
Executive Member/Chair:	Executive Member (Climate Change, Transport & Sustainable Development)
Relevant Director	Director of City Development

Council notes the current uncertain situation with regard to First Bus and other bus operators in West Yorkshire, and believes that the way forward is for West Yorkshire Combined Authority to take over the running of these operations.

Council also believes that appropriate funding should be made available to bring back into operation disused rail infrastructure, such as unused track, and the re-opening of many of the former local railway stations closed many years ago, such as the one in Wortley and the two in Armley.

It is Council's view that only with vibrant publicly owned bus services, running in the interest of the passenger, and expanded local rail services can Leeds (or for that matter, West Yorkshire) achieve a 21st Century public transport system that delivers for its citizens, helps to reduce congestion and is consistent with the aims of the Climate Emergency.

Council also notes that Prime Minister Boris Johnson has stated that he will transform transport in the North. Bearing this in mind Council, therefore, calls on the Chief Executive to write to the Prime Minister asking for the Government to support these aspirations, both in actions and funding.

Deadlines for submission

White Papers	- 10.00 am on the day before the issue of the Summons
Questions	- 10.00 am on Monday before the meeting
Amendments (including references back)	- 10.00 am on the day before the meeting

(All submissions should be made to Governance Services for receipt to be recorded and distribution made)
