

COUNCIL MEETING – 16th November 2022

NOTICE OF:	Reference No:	Date Received:	Date Forwarded:
White Paper Amendment	A1 to WP1	15/11/22	15/11/22

Submitted by:	Councillor Stewart Golton
Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel:	Executive Board
Executive Member/Chair:	Executive Member (Infrastructure and Climate)
Relevant Director	Director of City Development

Delete all after the first paragraph and replace with:

"Elected members share the frustration of bus passengers at the unacceptable level of cancelled bus journeys throughout the network, and the reduced frequency imposed on some bus services. This has a significant impact on Leeds workers getting to their place of employment, students attending classes on time, and people accessing hospital appointments. The cancelling or reduction of evening services in particular is having a significant impact on many people's mental health as they are effectively curfewed from social activity after dark.

This Council regrets that the recently extended Covid support funding from government, handed over to private bus companies, contains no binding agreements on customer delivery.

This Council further considers the West Yorkshire Mayor's Enhanced Bus Partnership a failure, as this arrangement has failed to leverage any appreciable improvements for West Yorkshire Bus passengers from private bus companies in exchange for the taxpayer funded subsidy they receive.

Members are dismayed that despite handing over £80 million for cleaner, cheaper new buses, and £35 million to subsidise cheaper 'Mayors Fares', Leeds bus users are experiencing a worsening service under the Mayor's transport stewardship.

This Council believes that the accountability and performance of private bus companies will only be improved when the voluntary Enhanced Bus Partnership is replaced by a franchise arrangement similar to that in Greater Manchester.

This Council therefore instructs the Chief Executive to inform Mayor Brabin that this Council has no confidence in her Enhanced Bus Partnership. It further requests that the West Yorkshire Mayor informs the Minister for Transport of the failure of the current voluntary arrangements, and requests an acceleration of the process to allow the franchising of buses in West Yorkshire."



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 - 10.00 am on the day before the meeting
(including references back)

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