

**COUNCIL MEETING – 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

NOTICE OF:	Reference No:	Date Received:	Date Forwarded:
White Paper Amendment	A2 TO WP3	14/11/23	14/11/23

Submitted by:	Councillor Ryk Downes
Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel:	Executive Board
Executive Member/Chair:	Executive Member (Sustainable Development and Infrastructure)
Relevant Director	Director of City Development

Delete all after “bus reform” and replace with:

“However, this Council is increasingly concerned about the protracted timeline for implementing bus franchising under the current Mayor. The slow pace of progress not only hinders the development of a more efficient, accessible, and sustainable public transport network but also delays the potential economic and environmental benefits that such a system promises. This delay in execution raises questions about the West Yorkshire Mayor’s commitment to public transport reform, and the Council urges for a more proactive approach. In light of these concerns, Council calls for a report to be presented to the December Executive Board meeting to provide Council’s formal response, including addressing these delays and proposing a revised, expedited timeline for the implementation of the bus franchising system.”

The amended motion would then read:

This Council fully supports a franchised bus system in West Yorkshire, as set out in the recently published West Yorkshire Combined Authority consultation on bus reform. However, this Council is increasingly concerned about the protracted timeline for implementing bus franchising under the current Mayor. The slow pace of progress not only hinders the development of a more efficient, accessible, and sustainable public transport network but also delays the potential economic and environmental benefits that such a system promises. This delay in execution raises questions about the West Yorkshire Mayor’s commitment to public transport reform, and the Council urges for a more proactive approach. In light of these concerns, Council calls for a report to be presented to the December Executive Board meeting to provide Council’s formal response, including addressing these delays and proposing a revised, expedited timeline for the implementation of the bus franchising system.

Proposed by:



Cllr Ryk Downes

Seconded by:



Cllr Sandy Lay

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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)

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