

**COUNCIL MEETING – 17<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2024**

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Submitted by:	Councillor Neil Buckley
Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel:	Executive Board
Executive Member/Chair:	Executive Member for Sustainable Development and Infrastructure
Relevant Director	Director of City Development

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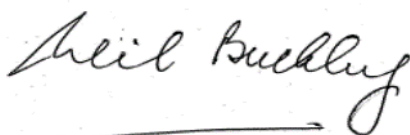
This Council is concerned by the current approach to transport policy in our district centres and the city centre. Instead of making it easier for people to get where they want to go, this administration seems intent on pursuing a “Disconnecting Leeds” strategy which is increasingly ineffective, anti-motorist, and damaging to the local economy.

Proposals to introduce parking charges in Guiseley and Rawdon, Wetherby, and Adel and Wharfedale wards would harm outer areas, discouraging people from visiting our district centres and local attractions. Council is concerned that similar proposals to introduce charges may follow in other district centre cars parks in Calverley and Farsley, Ardsley and Robin Hood, and Pudsey. This short-sighted policy comes at a time when the local buses serving outer areas are more unreliable than ever, with timetable changes and cuts to routes that have made travelling to and from these areas of Leeds much more difficult.

Meanwhile our City Centre is frequently in a state of gridlock, particularly around the railway station, with visitors to Leeds often left confused and frustrated by new road layouts and disruption.

This Council calls for a rethink of the city’s approach to transport policy and strategy, and asks that a report is brought to Executive Board setting out options that will achieve the following:

- Improved connectivity to, from, and within our town and district centres;
- Cancellation of any and all plans to introduce new charging in town and district centre car parks, parks and attractions;
- A pause to any future planned transport schemes in the city centre while a review into their effectiveness is conducted, drawing on lessons learned from disruption caused by recent schemes;
- Making the city centre more accessible by car for shoppers, theatre, restaurant and bar goers, so that all can enjoy our amazing city centre.



Councillor Neil Buckley

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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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