



Bus operators and council working together to deliver better bus services for York

York Quality Bus Partnership
Meeting Minutes
Monday 14th July 2014, 17:00-19:00
West Offices, York.

In attendance:

Name	Organisation	Initials
John Carr	Independent Chair	JDC
Andrew Bradley	City of York Council	AB
Bob Rackley	EYMS	BR
Cllr. Tony Richardson	York Conservative Party	PH
Derek McCreadie	City of York Council (part)	DMc
Francess Daly	York Bus User Group	FD
Geoff Lomax	Yorkshire Coastliner	GL
Ian Pearson	Utopia	IP
Ian Stokes	City of York Council (part)	IS
John Duff	Reliance	JD
Julian Ridge	City of York Council	JR
Keith McNally	Confederation for Passenger Transport	KM
Mark Fenwick	Arriva Yorkshire	MF
Sam Fryers	City of York Council	SF
Will Pearson	First York	WP

1.0 Apologies for absence:

Tony Clarke	City of York Council
Ben Gilligan	First York
Colin Newbury	Arriva Yorkshire
Cllr. David Levene	Cabinet Member for Transport

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2.0	Approval of minutes of previous meeting	
2.1	One correction to ensure Frances Daly's attendance at the previous meeting was recorded. Having noted this, the minutes were approved.	
3.0	Local Plan update	
3.1	IS presented an update on progress towards the production and adoption of a Local Plan for York. Key points to note being:	
3.2	Consultant, Parsons Brinckerhoff are drawing to completion a study in to the transport and highway implications of the Local Plan development proposals. The review will include an analysis of funding gaps and the ability of the highway network to cater for the traffic generated by the new development.	
3.3	The Local Plan will go out for consultation late Summer 2014 before submission late Autumn 2014.	
3.4	The Local Plan is designed to provide the parameters within which development proposals should be submitted over the next fifteen years.	
3.5	Ian's presentation is appended to these minutes. If QBP members have further questions they would like to ask or views they would like to express, please contact Ian Stokes in the first instance.	QBP members
4.0	Clean Vehicle Technology Fund	
4.1	DMc presented an overview of the Clean Vehicle Technology Fund (CVTF), a £5m central government fund currently open to bids of up to £0.5m per local authority area.	
4.2	Bids must be submitted by local authorities, but City of York Council (CYC) is open to submitting bids on behalf of any bus operator interested in making some.	
4.3	The deadline for bids to the CVTF is 25th July 2014.	All operators

	So any interested operators should contact DMc as soon as possible (derek.mccreadie@york.gov.uk or 07876710386).	
4.4	The CVTF builds on last year's Clean Bus Technology Fund which awarded funding to CYC for two exhaust retrofits (improved from Euro2 to Euro5 - Reliance) and the electric retrofit of one of the Citysightseeing tour buses (Transdev).	
4.5	Bids to the CVTF could be for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Retrofit exhausts (for Euro1, 2, 3 improve to Euro 5) b) Flywheel ('Flybrid') drives c) Compressed natural gas (CNG) converted from diesel d) Electric converted from diesel 	
4.6	It is essential that bids can demonstrate a reduction in Nitrous oxides or particulates.	
4.7	CYC will provide support in the writing of bids. AB asked whether or not the funding could be secured for the provision of infrastructure. DMc said that, whilst he wasn't sure, it was his view that a bid would be stronger if the bid was for the retro-fit of a bus and the provision of supporting infrastructure (if required).	
5.0	York's transport policy	
5.1	As independent chair of the QBP, JDC expressed his disappointment at the recent transport decisions taken by CYC to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Discontinue the trialled vehicle restrictions on Lendal Bridge and b) Provide free city centre car parking on Thursday – Saturday mornings. <p>JDC said that Transport policy in York in recent decades has recognised the need to prioritise access into and through the city centre making effective use of both traffic management measures and parking controls to keep traffic flowing as freely as possible. He was of the view that It would be a pity</p>	

	if short term considerations jeopardised the success of the long term policies pursued by successive administrations.	
5.2	JDC was reassured by the work undertaken through the Local Plan process (in particular, on the draft Bus Network Review). What the Local Plan work highlighted, however, was the finite capacity of the York highway network to deal with continued traffic growth.	
5.3	JDC expressed the view, however, that he hoped that the failure of one high profile scheme would not deter politicians and chief officers from taking the bold steps which have built York's reputation as a leader in the field of sustainable transport.	
6.0	Better Bus update	
6.1	JR gave an update on the latest Better Bus Area position.	
6.2	The BBA group met earlier today. Key discussion items at the meeting included <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - York Station bus information point - York bus wardens and network monitoring officers - Proposal to enhance Monday – Friday 'shoulder' services - Review of the 'congestion busting pot' – a specific pot of funding to be assigned to improvements at specific Highway locations to benefit bus punctuality/reliability. 	
7.0	Bus User Group update	
7.1	The Bus User Group (BUSUG) had not met (formally) since the last QBP. The next meeting of the BUSUG was scheduled for 16 th July.	
8.0	Marketing group update	
8.1	JR updated the meeting on Marketing Group activity.	

8.2	New campaigns are in development. In particular, over 500 free travel vouchers issued at the Travel Behaviour Change event have been received back from the bus operators.	
9.0	Performance group update	
9.1	AB updated the meeting on Performance Group activity. A brief summary accompanies these minutes.	
10.0	Tour de France feedback	
10.1	AB thanked operators for their efforts over the Tour de France weekend. Feedback from all operators was that buses operated well on the weekend. First reported good usage of their services.	
11.0	Date of next meeting 15 th September 2014 17:00-19:00	All to note
12.0	Any other business	
12.1	AB advised that CYC had secured £1m of funding through the Department for Transport's Local Sustainable Transport Fund for 2015/16. A proportion of this funding has been committed to public transport improvements.	