

AGENDA SUPPLEMENT

Corporate Services, Climate Change and Scrutiny Management Committee (Calling In)

To: Councillors Fenton (Chair), Merrett (Vice-Chair), Ayre, Baxter, J Burton, Healey, Kelly, D Myers, Rowley, Steels-Walshaw, K Taylor, Waller and Widdowson

Date: Monday, 11 March 2024

Time: 5.00 pm

Venue: The Snow Room - Ground Floor, West Offices (G035)

The Agenda for the above meeting was published on **01 March 2024**. The attached written submission relating to items 4 and 5 are now available for the following agenda item:

- 3. Public Participation** (Pages 1 - 4)
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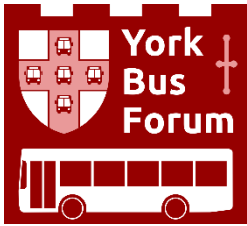
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York's Voice for Bus Users

<https://www.yorkbusforum.org>

Corporate Services, Climate Change and Scrutiny Management Committee, Call-in, 11/03/24: Local Bus Services Review

In our submission¹ to the 20th February Executive regarding this review, we express our concern about the following aspects of its consideration of the review:

1. The review was launched just before the Christmas/New Year break with very limited time to respond.
2. It was unclear how it related to the general review of bus services in the city, for which further consideration would be needed once an independent consultancy report had been produced. We note that the review findings and report produced by Momentum were considered at the Executive on 20th February, but simply noted²
3. It was unclear how the consultation on this review related to the current Local Transport Strategy (LTS) consultation, which had a later deadline for responses. The abiding principle of the new LTS is to reduce bus patronage by 50% against the base figure of 2019, yet nothing in these proposals will help achieve these aims.
4. The review proposals had not been properly discussed in the Enhanced Partnership Forum prior to the consultation deadline.
5. It was impossible to fully understand the process here without information on the criteria for and the economic impact of route subsidies. We sought this information and were only supplied with it weeks after the consultation had closed.
6. There was no clear information regarding the objectives and impacts of the proposals.

Summary

Despite the above unresolved issues and extensive objections highlighting the impact on residents living in the areas affected, the Executive still decided to proceed with the proposed reductions in local services.

We therefore fully support the request by Councillors Pearson, Hollyer and Steward for calling in the Executive's decision on the bus network review.

Graham Collett
Vice-Chair
7th March 2024

¹ Appendix C to Annex B (The Consultation Report) <https://democracy.york.gov.uk/documents/s173277/Annex%20B%20-%20Consultation%20report.pdf>

² <https://democracy.york.gov.uk/documents/g13936/Decisions%20Tuesday%2020-Feb-2024%2017.30%20Executive.pdf?T=2>

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Written submission from Andrew Morrison, CEO, York Civic Trust,
received by Democratic Services 07/03/24, 10:29

York Civic Trust Position Statement re: the reduction to the budget for York's Civic Party

York Civic Trust has a long history of supporting the office of the Lord Mayor of York including funding repairs and restoration to the city's mansion house and Civic regalia.

The Trust considers that the role of the Civic party is a vital component of the city's civic identity and standing amongst cities in UK. The presence of the Civic Party at events throughout the year is a boost for local residents, for local charities, for the city's tourist industry and for York's world image.

The Trust is nevertheless of the opinion that how the Civic Party operates and is funded should evolve to meet the environmental and financial issues of the day.

York Civic Trust supports the annual review and publication of the Civic Protocols going forward and asks that as part of this annual review interested organisations such as the Civic Trust are included and consulted with.

The Civic Trust supports the reduced use of the Civic Limousine at a time when the city is aiming to reduce carbon emissions from transport by over 70% to meet the city's net zero target by 2030. The Civic Trust believes, however, that further consideration must be given to the alternative transport options to allow the Civic Party to fulfil its community obligations effectively.

The Civic Trust believes that the robes, chains of office, sword, cap and mace do not embody the roles of the Lord Mayor and Sherriff. They are, however, significant objects that represent the office of Lord Mayor. Their use in the future must be considered to balance the needs of ceremony, cost and conservation.

The city's Mansion House was constructed as the residence of the Lord Mayor and today is a useful resting space for the Civic Party as they carry out their duties. If the Civic Party is not to use the Mansion House then the Civic Trust, as a major funder of previous restorations of the Mansion House, is particularly interested in being consulted on the future of the building.

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