



<b>Meeting Title</b>	The York Enhanced Partnership for Buses Forum	
<b>Date / Time</b>	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September 2024 10:00-11:00	
<b>Location</b>	Hybrid City of York Council, West Offices, York	
<b>Attendees</b>	Danielle Hudson (DH)	City of York council (CYC)
	Lara Thornton (LT)	City of York Council (CYC)
	David Merrett (DM)	York & District Trades Union Council
	Sam Fryers (SFr)	City of York Council (CYC)
	George Wood (GW)	York Older Peoples Assembly
	Jacob Milner (JM)	Turner and Townsend
	Michael Moore (MM)	First Bus
	Niall McFerran (NMc)	York Bus Forum
	Stuart Fillingham (SF)	East Yorkshire buses
	Tom Horner (TH)	City of York Council (CYC)(Stand in Chair)
	Chris Thompson (CT)	Reliance buses representative
	Duncan McIntyre (DMc)	City of York Council (CYC)
	Flick Williams (FW)	York Disability Rights Forum.
	Andrew Mortimer (AM)	Badger Hill Residents Community group
	Cllr K Ravilious (Cllr KR)	CYC (Labour group)
	Cllr S Fenton (Cllr SF)	CYC (Lib Dem Group)
	Mike Longhurst (ML)	Dodsworth Area Residents
	Cllr R Melly (Cllr RM)	CYC (Labour group)
<b>Apologies</b>	David Beer	Transport Focus
	Dan Braidley	York Hospital Representative

**THE YORK ENHANCED PARTNERSHIP FOR BUSES**

c/o Transport, City of York Council, West Offices, Station Rise, York YO1 6GA

Independent Chair: Keith McNally (Operational Delivery Group), Andrew McGuinness (Forum)



	Richard Hampton Andrew McGuinness Andy D'Agorne David Smith Cllr M Nicholls	City of York Council (CYC) Confederation Passenger Transport York Green Party City of York Council (CYC) CYC (Conservative Group)
<b>Circulation</b>	Attendees	
<b>Minutes By</b>	Danielle Hudson	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
1.0	<u>Introductions and Apologies</u>	
2.0	<u>Minutes from previous meeting.</u>	



2.1	<p>The following points have been raised regarding the minutes from the previous meeting:</p> <p>2.1 CYC to look through questionnaire and discuss which parts will be published.</p> <p>2.2 Meeting request is current in the diary with the combined authority and question will be raised on inviting the mayor to future EP forum meetings.</p> <p>2.7 MM going to investigate terminal loops and how it will work with charging customers, first are going to proactively advertise Tap off on the buses.</p> <p>4.2 Statistic reporting still to be investigated by CYC.</p> <p>4.3 CYC requesting all to send over small scale bus infrastructure measures to help improve network. CT suggested extending Tadcaster road bus lane to Knavesmire road, this will allow buses to get into bus lane and avoid sitting in traffic.</p> <p>4.5 All Park and ride sites are covered by Parking orders, If First colleagues are aware someone is parking on the site not the intended use this can get reported and traffic enforcement will enforce.</p> <p>6.3 DH provided costs for bus stop repairs. AM asked if CYC can ask JCDecaux for the costs for repairs, SFr explained this may not be shared due to confidentiality reasons but CYC can ask.</p> <p>7.2 MM has had team out to trial new audio announcements and there has been success with this. Should be completed by this weekend, Feedback is welcomed on this.</p>	<p>TH/DH</p> <p>TH</p> <p>MM</p> <p>TH</p> <p>TH</p> <p>DH</p>
<b>3.0</b>	<b><u>BSIP Project Update.</u></b>	
3.1	Verbal update provided on EP Dashboard report, this will be shared with minutes	DH



3.2	AM asked if group will get the chance to influence or see designs for the city centre approaches before they are finalised, TH has confirmed CYC will be approaching the group with this before any public consultation, CYC are just awaiting on confirmation of the timescale extension before can proceed.	
3.3	NMc asked for more clarification on the functions of the new park and ride hubs for the future and also if traffic modelling has taken place on these. TH has confirmed this has been done on both city centre and radial routes, <b>next EP forum meeting we can discuss park and ride sites.</b>	DH
3.4	Cllr SF asked if the implementation for the projects are aligning with the local transport strategy. Cllr KR has confirmed the projects that are in progress are supporting the movement and place plan and is not something that will be undone later.	
<b>4.0</b>	<b><u>Mobility Scooter Training.</u></b>	
4.1	Cllr KR raised when using the bus there was a passenger who tried to gain access to the bus in a mobility scooter but was refused due to not having the correct pass, therefore leaving the passenger stranded as the outward bus driver allowed them access and this was the return journey. Asked how as a group we can work to reduce barriers for Disabled passengers.	
4.2	RM expressed dissatisfaction that this has been raised again as this has been raised in the past so it would appear nothing has changed.	
4.3	SFr has suggested bus operators referring passengers to other depots if they are closer to get the mobility scooter pass.	
4.4	MM expressed support for referring people to local depots, There is a set of standards by each operator if this was the same across all would make it simpler.	
4.5	Cllr KR asked if operators could come together in York at least to be consistent on this. This will be raised in the Task and Finish group further.	
4.6	<b>CYC has asked all operators to send over guidelines for this.</b>	<b>ALL OPERATORS</b>



<b>5.0</b>	<b><u>Catch the Bus Month.</u></b>	
5.1	DMc explained CYC will be doing 250 5 day bus ticket giveaways using BetterPoints that are to be used within 2 weeks. 1 prize draw per month for existing BetterPoints user. LT will be doing comms on this.	
5.2	FW raised that this year National Theme for Catch the Bus month is Accessibility.	
<b>6.0</b>	<b><u>Major Projects update</u></b>	
6.1	SFr Provided update on Station Frontage, Island stop going to be removed from mid-October, series of overnight closures will be in place early November to remove remainder of the bridge. Shuttle arrangement will be in place with Pullman also.	
<b>7.0</b>	<b><u>Questions for bus operators.</u></b>	
7.1	NM asked if any plans were in place for the £2 fare cap coming to an end, TH has confirmed discussions are being had with DFT on this, CYC would not be able to pick up the slack on this if they withdrew it completely.	
7.2	NM asked for the name of the new general manager at First York, will they be attending this meeting in future. MM has confirmed the new general manager is Joel Bradley and discussion will be had regarding attendance at this meeting.	
7.3	NM raised issues with the reliability issue with the number 11 due to traffic on Bishopthorpe road.	
7.4	NM also asked if the number 10 could have some stability in the timetable as seems to make frequent changes. MM has confirmed no more changes will be made this side of Christmas.	
7.5	AM number 10 having the split route does not encourage people to use the bus. Due to changes of route after a certain time of day. TH we will note this and bare this in mind for future route planning.	