



WEST YORKSHIRE

COMBINED AUTHORITY

Agenda

- Who are we
- What do we do
- What we don't do
- Current transport provision
- Fares and ticketing
- Possible future opportunities

Who are we

Amalgamation of what was Metro and the LEP

Transport Services:

- Transport Authority for West Yorkshire
- Funded by District Councils (including Calderdale and Kirklees) to provide most transport related functions within West Yorkshire
- Funding on transport reducing as District Councils funding cut (reduction in levy of £1m in 2017/18 with bigger cuts to follow)

What do we do

- Maintain/manage bus stations, interchanges and 14,500 stops and shelters
- Provide information including real time, travel centres, at stops
- Pay operators to give free travel to seniors/disabled and half fare for children
- Support socially necessary bus services (early mornings, evenings, Sundays, rural)
- Contract in bus services on behalf of other bodies (e.g. Mid Yorks)
- Coordinate school transport including passes
- Set the Transport Strategy
- Influence bus operators

What we don't do

- 90%+ of bus services are commercial with no direct financial support (e.g. service 503)
- Operators decide where commercial bus services run and how frequently
- Operators set fares including multi-operator MCard products:
 - WYCA administers the scheme on behalf of operators on a commission basis
 - Fares set by a Board made up of operators reps including rail (we have one seat!)

Current transport provision

- One direct bus per hour linking Hospitals Monday to Saturday all day and Sunday evenings but complicated route
- High frequency services between:
 - Halifax and Calderdale Royal
 - Huddersfield and Huddersfield Royal
 - Halifax to Huddersfield via Calderdale Royal

Fares and ticketing

- Largest operator (First) ticketing covers Calderdale and Kirklees as a single area:
- For adults
 - £4.00 day
 - £20.00 week
 - £16.00 week (NHS)
- Passengers who use more than one bus operator use MCard:
 - £5.50 day
 - £22.60 week

Fares and ticketing

Concessionary Fares:

- UK -wide Seniors and Disabled (with a pass) travel free on journeys starting after 0930 (M-F) and all day Saturday and Sunday
- In West Yorkshire operators offer an extra concession to holders of Blind passes to travel free at all times
- Children travel at half fare at all times (WYCA funds one third of fare, operators discount down to a half)
- Seniors and Disabled travel at half fare on rail off peak

Possible future opportunities

- XXXXXXXX provide additional express services between Huddersfield and Halifax (XXXX dependant on infrastructure commitment from public sector)
- Develop current hourly link between hospitals to higher frequency with additional funding (WYCA currently supports 343 by 113k per annum) but a circuitous route
- Develop current NHS shuttle bus into a full local bus service with fares/concessions - WYCA competitively tenders a service linking Mid Yorks hospitals
- Pool the 343 and shuttle bus funding?



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