

TRANSPORT BOARD

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BUS SERVICES IN SOUTH YORKSHIRE

Purpose of Report

To provide Members with an overview of the funding of bus services in South Yorkshire and background to the current Bus Partnership model and the alternative options provided under the Bus Services Act.

Freedom of Information

The paper will be available under the Combined Authority Publication Scheme

Recommendations

Members note the content of the report and provide feedback on any areas of interest they would like covered at future Board meetings.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Bus travel makes up the majority of public transport journeys that are made in South Yorkshire. It also accounts for over 60% of SYPTE's revenue expenditure.
- 1.2 The current position with regard to funding and governance has developed over a number of years and an understanding of the background is useful to help inform discussion on the future shape of bus services in South Yorkshire.

2. Proposal and justification

- 2.1 SYPTE has pursued a policy of Bus Partnerships as the mechanism for overseeing the delivery of bus services in South Yorkshire, following a decision taken by the (then) Integrated Transport Authority (ITA) in 2012.
- 2.2 **Appendix 1** provides a summary of the background to the decision to pursue Bus Partnerships, the current structure, activities which are undertaken, and additional opportunities offered through the Bus Services Act.
- 2.3 **Appendix 2** provides an overview of SYPTE's current budget, the key areas of expenditure, along with background on the principles that are used to allocate funding.

3. Consideration of alternative approaches

- 3.1** The summary briefings are intended to provide Members with an introduction to SYPTE's role in the provision of bus services and help provide background to support discussions on the future shape of services. Members' views on other topics for discussion at future meetings would be welcome.

4. Implications

4.1 Financial

No direct Financial implications from this report.

4.2 Legal

No direct Legal implications from this report.

4.3 Risk Management

Risks associated with the topics discussed are captured in SYPTE's Risk Management system.

4.4 Equality, Diversity and Social Inclusion

None from this report.

5. Communications

- 5.1** No communications activities are required as a result of this paper.

6. Appendices/Annexes

- 6.1** Appendix 1 – Bus Services Briefing

Appendix 2 – SYPTE Funding Briefing

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