

# DISTRICT CONSULTATION SUB-COMMITTEE CANDIDATE INFORMATION PACK



## The West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA)

West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA) brings together the public sector in the form of the five West Yorkshire districts plus York, and the business sector through the Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership (LEP). The Combined Authority has responsibility for Transport, Economic Development and Regeneration in the five West Yorkshire Districts: Bradford, Calderdale, Kirklees, Leeds and Wakefield.

## Transport in West Yorkshire

The Combined Authority is also the Transport Authority for West Yorkshire. It works to develop better transport networks for tomorrow, provide day-to-day services, such as bus stations and travel centres under the Metro brand name. It is also responsible for the MetroLine call centre, the Metro websites and the yournextbus real-time service.

WYCA also works with West Yorkshire's bus and train operators to bring about improved services and better value for money on behalf of local people. This includes subsidising local bus and train services and funding concessionary fares for young people, disabled and blind people and seniors.

## District Consultation Sub Committees (DCSCs)

There are five District Consultation Sub Committees (DCSCs), one in each of West Yorkshire's Districts: Bradford, Calderdale, Kirklees, Leeds and Wakefield. However, **we are only recruiting for the Kirklees and Wakefield DCSCs at this time**. They usually meet four times per year, on weekdays. The first DCSC meetings in November will commence at 5pm (the timing is subject to review). Meetings all take place in central locations in Wakefield and Huddersfield/Dewsbury.

DCSCs bring together local councillors, members of the public and representatives from local transport operators to discuss and consult on local transport issues.

The meetings aim to:

- Provide updates on local transport issues and developments
- Enable members to highlight local transport issues
- Provide an opportunity to consult on local transport policies and proposals

The meetings will also involve an open forum session where members of the public can attend and ask questions or raise issues about local transport.

## What's on offer?

- A forum for debating and discussing transport issues and policy across West Yorkshire
- An opportunity to make a valuable contribution to local transport
- A chance to inform transport policy, delivery and development in West Yorkshire
- A place to apply your skills, experience and ideas for improving local transport
- The opportunity to represent voices in the community that need to be heard the most

## What we want from DCSC members

We want members who will:

- Make a contribution to the committee by representing communities, geographical areas and the diversity of West Yorkshire
- Promote the interests of users of all local transport across West Yorkshire
- Advise on the effectiveness and quality of local transport in West Yorkshire
- Constructively challenge WYCA officers and bus/rail companies in relation to the management of West Yorkshire's transport
- Commit to attend meetings and pre-meeting preparations

Members should ideally have:

- An active interest in local transport
- Experience of using local transport in West Yorkshire including public transport, cycling and walking
- An understanding the needs of users of local transport, particularly under-represented groups

You *must* live in the Wakefield or Kirklees local authority areas.

The Combined Authority will select applicants to ensure representation from the widest range of transport users.

We'd really like to encourage applications from people who represent wider interest groups such as walking, cycling, people with disabilities, young people, BME communities, public transport users and community forums.

## Commitment Needed

- To attend committee meetings
- To read agenda packs and papers for meetings, sent out a week in advance
- The appointment is not a paid position but reasonable travel expenses will be reimbursed

## How to apply

The application form can be found on our website [www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/dcsc](http://www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/dcsc).

Alternatively you can email [governanceservices@westyorks-ca.gov.uk](mailto:governanceservices@westyorks-ca.gov.uk) or phone **0113 251 7216** if you would like an application form sent to you in the post.

- Applicants will be selected through an open application process.
- Deadline for applications is **3rd November 2017**
- Successful candidates will be confirmed by **10th November 2017**
- The first meetings will be held on:
  - Kirklees: 29th November 2017, 5pm
  - Wakefield: 30th November 2017, 5pm

For any further information, please email [governanceservices@westyorks-ca.gov.uk](mailto:governanceservices@westyorks-ca.gov.uk) or phone **0113 251 7216**.