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URGENT COUNCIL DECISION

A24 COUNCIL URGENCY PROCEDURE

Decisions within the terms of reference of the Council that cannot be deferred until the next scheduled ordinary meeting of the Council by reason of urgency may be taken by the Chief Executive under delegated powers following consultation with the following:

- (a) the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council; and
- (b) the Leader and Deputy Leader of the political group with the next largest number of seats after the controlling group

provided that the Chief Executive may not exercise such delegated powers in respect of a decision for which an extraordinary meeting of the Council has been requested pursuant to Rule A3, even if the request for an extraordinary meeting is declined pursuant to Rule A3.2.

HBC Constitution, Council Procedure Rules

Subject: Proposed new rail passenger service from Leeds to East Lancashire – Writing to the Department for Transport and Secretary of State to request that the service extends to Accrington

Report Author: Mike Walker, Head of Corporate Support

Background:

Hyndburn Council has been asked by Peter Bryson, Chair of SELRAP (South-East Lancashire Rail Action Partnership), to write to the Department for Transport and to the Secretary of State for Transport to urge them to extend the new passenger rail service that is proposed to operate on the new Skipton to Colne line from Leeds to Burnley Rose Grove through to Accrington. Indications from SELRAP suggest that both the Department for Transport and Network Rail are rapidly moving in favour of extending the service to Accrington and that a letter of encouragement from the Council could help secure a positive outcome.

Reason for Urgency:

The key Department for Transport report about the Skipton to Colne line will be presented to ministers in November and it is important that the Council write to prior to the finalisation of this report meaning the decision cannot wait until the next meeting of full Council to be held on 15th November 2018.

Recommendation:

(1) That Hyndburn Council write to the Department for Transport and the Secretary of State for Transport strongly urging them to extend the planned direct service from Leeds to Burnley Rose Grove through to Accrington.

Date of Decision (when finally approved):

19th October 2018

(NINETEENTH)

Signatures of Members and Officers:

Leader



..... Approve / Do not approve

Deputy Leader



..... Approve / Do not approve

Leader of the
main Opposition
Group
(Conservative)



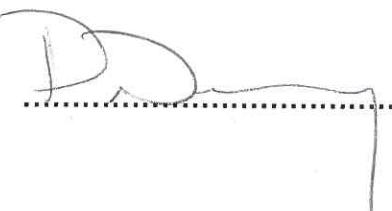
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Chief Executive



..... Approve / Do not approve



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Your ref:

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Ask for: Miles Parkinson

Direct Line: 01254 380145

Date: 19 October 2018

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Having support SELRAP for a number of years, the Council is also unanimous in its view that the benefits from this project could be further enhanced by extending the service beyond Burnley Rose Grove, as is currently planned, and continuing it through to Accrington. The case for this extension is compelling. By extending the service it opens up the benefits of this new route to the 80,000 residents of Hyndburn. It would also enable the 39,000 economically active residents of Hyndburn to easily access the employment opportunities in Leeds and other major economic centres along the route.

We understand that the extension of the service to Accrington would be a relatively modest amendment to the proposed project but would be one that would provide a transformative improvement to the transport links from Accrington to west Yorkshire and beyond.

We would be happy to provide further evidence of the value and benefits of this proposal to the residents and businesses of Hyndburn if this would be helpful.

Hyndburn Council strongly urges the Department for Transport to introduce the passenger service from Leeds in to East Lancashire and to ensure the service extends through to Accrington.

Yours sincerely,

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