

WEST YORKSHIRE PASSENGER TRANSPORT AUTHORITY

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AGENDA ITEM NO: 23

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

To consider an item submitted by Councillor Lyons under Standing Order 3(3) proposing that the PTA increase the tendered services budget.

“There has been considerable tendered mileage lost over the last couple of years because of the actions of the bus operators who have created new tenders containing excessive prices and have reduced and withdrawn services which they claim are uneconomical just to increase their profits to the detriment of the travelling public of West Yorkshire.

Metro cannot keep replacing these bus services and pay more and more to operators. I fully support the approach Metro is taking to encourage operators to make as much mileage as possible commercial, to negotiate on tenders and reorganise the services to make them more attractive financially, but a great deal still needs to be done in line with the recommendations of the accessibility review and social exclusion.

The PTA needs to inject monies in certain areas to stop the rundown of services across West Yorkshire by asking officers to find appropriate savings to supplement the tendered services budget to allow a real change to the bus network.”