

## Item 5 - Transport for the North Scrutiny Committee Meeting

**Subject:** Hull Paragon Station Entrance Closure

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**Sponsor:** David Hoggarth, Strategic Rail Director

**Meeting Date:** 29 August 2019

### **1 Purpose of the Report:**

- 1.1 This report is brought at the request of Cllr Chaytor and follows a reference to the Transport for the North Board made by Cllr Darren Hale at its meeting on 31 July 2019.

### **2. Executive Summary:**

- 2.1 The issue which has been raised firstly by Cllr Hale and now by Cllr Chaytor is the closure by TransPennine Express of the Anlaby Road entrance to Hull Paragon station to address issues of anti-social behaviour within the station. The trial closure has now ended.

### **3. Discussion:**

- 3.1 TransPennine Express manage Hull Paragon Station under their Franchise Agreement with the Secretary of State.
- 3.2 After a series of serious incidents of vandalism and anti-social behaviour on the station, TransPennine Express sought the advice of the British Transport Police and following their recommendations took the decision to close the Anlaby Road entrance to the station. TransPennine Express have stated that the entrance is also being used as a walkway by members of the public who were not intending to travel by rail.
- 3.3 TransPennine Express decided to close the entrance for a 3-month trial to explore the effect of this on the volume of incidents of anti-social behaviour. Hull City Council assert this decision was made without proper consultation with Hull City Council or the travelling public.
- 3.4 The Anlaby Road entrance is the nearest entrance to the drop off point for private hire vehicles and is an at-grade entrance used by disabled people. The closure of this entrance for a period of two months

generated a large volume of complaints from the public and a petition which has received 23,000 signatures. Complaints included the inconvenience for disabled customers (the Anlaby Road entrance being the nearest point for private hire vehicles dropping off) as well as those with young children and/or heavy luggage.

- 3.5 Cllr Darren Hale the Transport for the North Board Member for the City of Hull raised the issue at the Board meeting on 31 July 2019 and the Board resolved to write to TransPennine Express expressing their disquiet about the closure of the Anlaby Road entrance and requesting proper consultation with Hull City Council over the issue.
- 3.6 A letter was sent to TransPennine Express on behalf of the Transport for the North Board on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2019 expressing their concern and requesting that the matter be re-considered.
- 3.7 TransPennine Express have now ended the trial stating that they have sufficient evidence to evaluate the effect of the closure on the volume of incidents of anti-social behaviour. They are citing a significant fall (more than 35%) in anti-social behaviour incidents during the trial. TransPennine Express have invited Hull City Council, British Transport Police and Humberside Police to a roundtable meeting to discuss next steps and a long-term solution to the problem.
- 3.8 A representative from TransPennine Express will attend the Scrutiny Committee meeting to provide an update.

#### **4. Recommendation:**

- 4.1 (a) That the report be received.

#### **Appendices:**

None

#### **List of Background Documents**

None

#### **Required Considerations**

#### **Equalities:**

Age		No
Disability		No

Gender Reassignment		No
Pregnancy and Maternity		No
Race		No
Religion or Belief		No
Sex		No
Sexual Orientation		No

<b>Consideration</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Responsible Officer</b>	<b>Director</b>
Equalities	A full Impact Assessment has not been carried out since this report does not propose any change in Transport for the North's policy or strategy.	Deborah Dimock	Julie Openshaw

### Environment and Sustainability

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<b>Consideration</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Responsible Officer</b>	<b>Director</b>
Sustainability / Environment including considerations regarding Active Travel and Wellbeing	A full Impact Assessment has not been carried out since this report does not propose any change in Transport for the North's policy or strategy.	Deborah Dimock	Julie Openshaw

### Legal

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<b>Consideration</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Responsible Officer</b>	<b>Director</b>
Legal	there are no legal implications as a result of this report	Deborah Dimock	Julie Openshaw

### Finance

Yes	
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<b>Consideration</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Responsible Officer</b>	<b>Director</b>
Finance	There are no new financial implications as a result of this report.	Deborah Dimock	Gareth Sutton

### Resource

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<b>Consideration</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Responsible Officer</b>	<b>Director</b>
Resource	Transport for the North HR Team has confirmed there are no new resource implications as a result of this report.	Deborah Dimock	Stephen Hipwell

### Risk

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<b>Consideration</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Responsible Officer</b>	<b>Director</b>
Risk	There are no new risks associated with this report.	Deborah Dimock	Julie Openshaw

Consultation

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<b>Consideration</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Responsible Officer</b>	<b>Director</b>
Consultation	A public consultation has not been carried out because this report does not propose any change in Transport for the North's policy or strategy.	Deborah Dimock	Julie Openshaw