

## **National Bus Strategy – Implications for York Meeting briefing 18<sup>th</sup> May**

The DfT require York to provide a Bus Service Improvement Plan as part of the new national strategy. This should be welcomed by our group but there is no guarantee of success in being awarded the funding to action the plan. As part of the consultation process Julian Ridge, Sustainable Transport Manager for CYC will host an open forum to consider our suggestions and ideas on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

To improve the effectiveness of the meeting please prepare a written submission ahead of the date. The items to consider are:

- How should the bus operators be run? As an 'enhanced partnership' or a franchise.
- How should bus funding operate in the city? What level of public money should be used verses fare income?
- How should the bus users in the city be consulted? Speed is a requirement here! Also, what level of input can be obtained from non-users?
- What improvements can be made to existing bus vehicle stock?
- What improvements can be made to the current bus routes in the city?
- Is the network coverage sufficient for the outskirts of the city and are there enough services on evenings and weekends?
- What improvements can be made to the bus stop infrastructure?
- How well does the bus timetable information system work in the city?
- Should consideration be given to other rapid transport systems to improve public transport use?
- Should there be a simplified fare structure for the whole of York, covering all operators?
- Can the bus services in the city be better coordinated to provide an incentive for car users to use public transport?
- Our park and Ride system is one of the city's great successes how can we develop it?
- Do we support our less- mobile communities and younger passengers sufficiently?

There may be other issues you wish to raise but please can you ensure that they are generally based rather than particular to your own circumstances.

**Please can you restrict yourself to 3 questions only to allow time to cover all viewpoints. Please submit your questions for Julian Ridge by Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May.**