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## Passenger transport executives face abolition

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Governance reforms as part of plans to adopt a Combined Authority are expected to see Metro, the West Yorkshire passenger transport executive, abolished by April 2014.

A decision by the leaders of the five metropolitan districts means that the PTE will be abolished and its functions transferred to the new Combined Authority. The move is also expected to see more than 400 staff transfer as part of the process. A proposal to retain the PTE as a separate body has been dismissed.

"On balance, it is considered that the transitional costs of transfer are justified by the opportunity this would provide to establish an effective, streamlined delivery body, positioned to progress a wide range of integrated economic development and transport agendas for a bold, future proof Combined Authority," say the authorities.

The 22-member West Yorkshire Integrated Transport Authority will also be dissolved and it will be replaced by a transport joint committee, similar in nature to that already established in Greater Manchester.

Although the West Yorkshire Combined Authority will cover the five districts of Leeds, Bradford, Wakefield, Kirklees and Calderdale, The City of York Council and the Leeds City Region Local Enterprise Partnership will be partner members. All of the West Yorkshire districts will retain their highway authority functions and there are no plans to subsume these functions into the Combined Authority.

Meanwhile, seven local authorities in the north east of England are to seek permission to create a Combined Authority by next April. Known as the North East Leadership Board, it would cover Durham, Northumberland and the five Tyne & Wear districts. The Tyne & Wear Integrated Transport Authority would be scrapped as part of the reforms with the Combined Authority acting as the area's transport authority.

Nexus, the Tyne & Wear PTE, will continue to exist during a transitional phase before being subsumed into a larger transport delivery body.

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