

PASSENGER CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES

SEMINAR ON THE WEST YORKSHIRE LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 3 AND BUS QUALITY CONTRACTS HELD IN WELLINGTON HOUSE, LEEDS ON THURSDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2010

PRESENT: Councillor Chris Greaves (Chair)
Councillor Ryk Downes (Deputy Chair)

Bradford

Bruce Barnes
Jane Gibbon
Andrew Jewsbury
Graham Peacock
John Prestage
Winston Williams
Andrew Wowk

Calderdale

Myra James
Peter Melling
John Myddelton
John Sheppard
Peter Stocks
John Sykes
John Whiteley

Kirklees

John Appleyard
Mark Denton
Shaun Jordan
Steven Mallinson
Kathleen O'Shea
Keith Parry
Philip Parsons
Chris Taylor

Leeds

David Brady
Paul Chadwick
Brian Cooper
Rachael Elliott
Raymond Finlayson
Edward Gale
John Gittos
David Hope
Catherine Keighley
Peter Wood
Hazel Lee
Alan Oldroyd
Eric Smith
Ann Stocks
Charles Stones
Bill Tymms

Wakefield

Nigel Ashton
Karen Barkley
Pauline Blackburn
John Churms
Brenda Fruish
Dennis Pattinson
Jan Worthy

Observer

Jim Kerr

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from public representatives Gordon Lakin, Keith Renshaw, Peter Warwick (Bradford), Andrew Booth (Calderdale),

David Hargreaves, Christopher Jones, William Kirby (Kirklees), Rosemary Keenoy (Leeds), Michael Dalton and Barbara Darlison (Wakefield).

2. WELCOME

Councillor Greaves welcomed everyone to the meeting and John Henkel, Metro's Director of Passenger Services explained the format for the seminar. Members received a presentation on the following two topics and then were asked to split into 4 workshops where their views were collated by officers.

3. WEST YORKSHIRE LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 2011-26 AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF A WEST YORKSHIRE QUALITY BUS CONTRACT SCHEME

Members were updated on the development of the Local Transport Plan Strategy and were asked to consider the proposed Strategy and for suggestions on what needed to be delivered through the first Implementation Plan for 2011-2014. It was noted that further consultation on the list of initiatives for inclusion in the Implementation Plan would be undertaken in January 2011.

RESOLVED - That members' views be noted.

4. WEST YORKSHIRE QUALITY BUS CONTRACT SCHEME

Members were advised of the process, benefits and risks of the implementation of a Bus Quality Contract scheme.

It was reported that the Local Transport Act 2008 had introduced opportunities for Local Transport Authorities to deliver a high quality integrated transport system to meet local needs. Those included changes which made Bus Quality Contract Schemes a more viable option and it was considered that the introduction of a scheme would achieve improved levels of customer service and transport integration in line with Metro's Vision for Transport and secure better value for money for West Yorkshire. The ITA had agreed to the development of a scheme and this approach had been endorsed by the Leaders of the five West Yorkshire District Councils in December 2009.

Discussions had been held with West Yorkshire bus operators and, whilst the operators had made offers of partnerships, they had not yet agreed to a fully integrated ticketing scheme or to collaborate on joint network planning. A period of public consultation was currently taking place in conjunction with the LTP3 consultation and members' views would be incorporated into the feedback.

Members welcomed the proposal and it was noted that the ITA would consider early in 2011 whether to proceed to initiating the next step in the process for developing a Quality Contract Scheme.

RESOLVED - That members' views be noted.