

AGENDA ITEM No: 16(c)

WEST YORKSHIRE PASSENGER TRANSPORT AUTHORITY

AT A MEETING OF THE TENDERED SERVICES WORKING GROUP HELD IN WELLINGTON HOUSE ON MONDAY 2 JUNE 2008

PRESENT: Councillor T Brice (Chair)

Councillors C Campbell, J Jarosz, G Phelps and G Wainwright

113. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor D Congreve.

114. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no personal or prejudicial interests declared by members at the meeting.

115. CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair thanked the members and officers for their support during his first year as Chair of the Working Group.

116. MINUTES

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 May 2008 be approved.

117. RENEWAL OF BUS SERVICES TENDERS - BRADFORD DISTRICT

The Working Group considered a report of the Passenger Transport Executive on the award of local bus service tenders in the Bradford district and amendments to the networks of tendered orbital services.

It was reported that the Working Group had previously considered ways in which the service within the batch could contribute to the bus network in Bradford. As a consequence the batch had been separated into de minimis contracts for the following sections of the routes:

Services 601/602 Hourly orbital services

Service 680 Half hourly service from Bradford Interchange-Heaton-Bradford Royal Infirmary - tendered beyond BRI to Lidget Green and Smiddles Lane

Service 622/626 Eldwick-Bingley-Shipley-Bradford - tendered daytime beyond Wyke to Scholes

Service 614 Fagley-Bradford-Wibsey-Odsal – tendered between Wibsey and Morrisons at Odsal

It was reported that tenders were invited for the remainder of the batch and revised prices were sought for the deminimis elements. The Working Group were advised that only First had submitted a bid and were seeking £1,668,029 per annum, an increase of 32%. Discussions had now been held with First particularly with regard to the performance of the key services within the batch. As a result, First had now again revised the overall cost of the batch by adjusting and reducing the tendered half hourly Service 680 between Heaton and Smiddles Lane to hourly. The Working Group commented that whilst it still represented a significant increase in cost they accepted that the price reflected the movement in operating costs in excess of RPI over the last 6 years.

Network Revisions

It was reported that discussions had been held with First regarding proposals on network changes to replace the 601 and 602 services, which would improve access to the city centre and the hospitals for many households. The following network revisions were proposed and would be subject to consultation with officers and Bradford MDC councillors:

New hourly Service 609: Bradford Interchange - St Luke's Hospital - Little Horton - Morrison's' Girdlington - Bradford Royal Infirmary

Extension of route of Service 670 - Bradford - Greengates - Calverley – Leeds to include Underhill and Killinghall.

RESOLVED -

- (a) That the award of contracts, as detailed in the submitted report, be noted as being consistent with the Authority's policy for the provision of local bus services.
- (b) That the proposed network changes and planned consultation exercise be noted.

118. NOVATION OF CONTRACTS - HUDDERSFIELD BUS COMPANY

The Working Group considered a report of the Passenger Transport Executive on the novation of contracts between the Yorkshire Traction Company Ltd trading as Stagecoach Yorkshire and Centrebus Holdings Ltd trading as the Huddersfield Bus Company.

The Working Group was informed that Stagecoach had completed the sale of its Huddersfield operation to Centrebus Holdings Ltd currently trading as the Huddersfield Bus Company. As a result, Stagecoach Yorkshire and

Centrebus Holdings had requested that the following contracts be novated to the Huddersfield Bus Company with effect from 11 May 2008.

- Services 80, 81, 82, 83 and 84
- Schools services to Kirkburton
- School service K82

RESOLVED - That the novation of contracts for the operation of tendered bus services from the Yorkshire Traction Company Ltd, trading as Stagecoach Yorkshire to Centrebus Holdings Ltd, trading as Huddersfield Bus Company with effect from 11 May 2008 be noted.