

**AT A MEETING OF THE LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN  
STEERING GROUP HELD AT WELLINGTON HOUSE, LEEDS  
ON THURSDAY 27 APRIL 2006**

**PRESENT:** Councillor J S King (Chair)  
Councillor G Wainwright - Calderdale MBC  
Councillor S Andrew - Leeds CC  
Councillor P McBride - WYPTA

**Officers in Attendance:** C Hughes - Bradford MDC  
D Holdstock - Calderdale MBC  
J English - Kirklees MC  
D Gilson - Leeds CC  
J Hall - Wakefield MDC  
J Henkel - Metro  
P Roberts - Metro  
R Chaplin - WYPTA

**29. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Hawkesworth (Bradford), J Smithson (Kirklees) and A Manifold (Wakefield).

**30. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**31. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** - That the minutes of the meeting held on 30 January 2006 be accepted as a true record.

**32. URBAN CONGESTION TARGET**

The Steering Group considered a report of the West Yorkshire Local Transport Plan Partnership which provided an update on the progress towards the development of an urban congestion target for West Yorkshire.

Members were updated on progress and advised that the DfT had requested a mandatory target as part of the LTP2 submission and an explanatory sheet regarding the production of congestion indicators and targets was handed round at the meeting. It was reported that 13 key routes had been identified and surveyed in West Yorkshire and one further route in Kirklees would be surveyed in Spring 2006.

It was noted that the provisional target and supporting evidence had to be submitted by 5 May 2006 and it was proposed that this be further developed by officers and discussed with the DfT when they visited West Yorkshire on 11 May 2006. A report would be prepared for a meeting of the Steering Group to be arranged during week commencing 22 May 2006 with submission to the DfT by 2 June 2006.

The Steering Group noted that the future reporting process had not been finalised but there was likely to be a requirement for an annual submission which could have resource implications. Further information would be provided to a future meeting.

**RESOLVED -**

- (a) That progress on developing the new urban congestion target be noted.
- (b) That the timetable for submitting the target to the DfT be noted.
- (c) That Members agree the approach to developing the provisional and final target and a further report be prepared for the next meeting of the Steering Group.

**33. LTP2 DELIVERY ARRANGEMENTS**

The Steering Group considered a report of the West Yorkshire Local Transport Plan Partnership setting out information about new strategic partnership arrangements to facilitate the implementation of the second West Yorkshire Local Transport Plan. The report also provided an update on work to develop a Transport Innovation Fund (TIF) pump-priming bid.

Members considered proposals for the development of new strategic partnership arrangements. It was proposed that the Integrated Transport Forum be disbanded and replaced with three new strategic partnerships which would focus on Congestion (including air quality), Accessibility and Safer Roads. There was discussion about the membership of the proposed partnerships, in particular the Congestion Partnership which would provide advice on the TIF pump-priming bid and some concerns were expressed. It was agreed that the effectiveness of the groups would be monitored and reviewed and a report prepared for a future meeting of the Steering Group within the next 12 months.

It was noted that the Local Transport Plan Steering Group would continue to co-ordinate and oversee the implementation of LTP2 and members stressed the importance of the Steering Group retaining its authority for decision making in relation to West Yorkshire issues. The Steering Group would meet approximately four times a year and a schedule of proposed meetings was attached to the report.

**RESOLVED -**

- (a) That the partnership arrangements and the need to retain West Yorkshire decision making in relation to West Yorkshire issues be endorsed and that all members of the Local Transport Plan Steering Group be kept fully informed of developments.
- (b) That the Integrated Transport Forum be disbanded and the members thanked for their contributions.
- (c) That the schedule of meetings set out in Appendix 1 be agreed.
- (d) That the effectiveness of the new partnership groups be monitored, with a further report to the LTP Steering Group within the next 12 months.

**34. MAJOR SCHEMES AND CONSULTATIONS**

The Steering Group considered a report of the West Yorkshire Local Transport Plan Partnership which provided an update on issues relating to LTP Major Schemes and consultations.

With regard to Regional Funding Allocations, it was reported that the Regional Transport Board had considered a list of priorities, which were attached to the report, based on the indicative funding available to the region. The advice of the Board was endorsed by the Yorkshire and Humber Assembly and submitted to the Government at the end of January 2006. However representatives of West Yorkshire Authorities had expressed concern that the list did not adequately address the needs of the sub-region or reflect the transport priorities set out in the Regional Transport Strategy or the Regional Economic and Housing strategies.

It was noted that the Wakefield Westgate and A65 Kirkstall Road Quality Bus Corridor bids had been identified as 'Priority Transport Schemes'. The Bradford Interchange and Kirklees Structures bids were not identified as regional priorities although it was indicated that should additional funding be made available the Bradford Interchange scheme may be able to proceed. The DfT had requested additional information to support the Wakefield Westgate scheme and the Kirklees Structures scheme and a progress report would be prepared for a future meeting of the Steering Group.

Members were advised that a draft of updated Guidance on Major Scheme Funding bids had been issued by the DfT and consultation responses were required by 7 July 2006. The implications of the changes were being considered and a response would be prepared for the next meeting of the Steering Group.

**RESOLVED -** That the report be noted.

### **35. CITY REGION TRANSPORT VISION**

The Steering Group considered a report of the West Yorkshire Local Transport Plan Partnership which provided an update on the development of a long-term transport vision for the City Region.

Members were advised that consultation workshops had been held and were attended by a wide range of stakeholders. The West Yorkshire District Leaders had also held a transport workshop where there had been strong support for the development of the vision and a clear desire to see the work extended to cover the whole City region. A workshop had therefore recently been held for City Region Leaders which was well attended and had given them the opportunity to provide input into the development of the vision.

A copy of the outline vision document, which had been co-ordinated by Arups Consultants, had been circulated to members which set out the progress to date and the emerging vision. The draft document had been submitted with the LTP and included an initial list of potential interventions that would be further developed. A City Region Development Programme was being developed through the Northern Way and Metro had been leading the work on the connectivity plan for the Leeds City Region. Arups had been asked to formally extend the scope of their work to cover all authorities within the City Region and to develop the vision into a City Region Development Programme.

**RESOLVED** - That the report be noted.