

## AGENDA ITEM No: 14(b)

### AT A MEETING OF THE LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN STEERING GROUP HELD AT WELLINGTON HOUSE, LEEDS ON WEDNESDAY 28 MAY 2008

**PRESENT:** Councillor R Downes (Chair)

Councillor A Hawkesworth	-	Bradford MC
Councillor G Wainwright	-	Calderdale MC
Councillor S Andrew	-	Leeds CC
Councillor D Dagger	-	Wakefield MDC
Councillor C Greaves	-	WYPTA
Councillor S Khan	-	WYPTA
Councillor G Phelps	-	WYPTA

<b>Officers in Attendance:</b>	J Blackburn	-	Bradford MC
	D Holdstock	-	Calderdale MBC
	M Fudge	-	Kirklees MC
	D Gilson	-	Leeds CC
	K Bloomfield	-	Wakefield MDC
	D Hoggarth	-	Metro
	R Chaplin	-	WYPTA

#### 44. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D Hall (Kirklees).

#### 45. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The Chairman advised the Steering Group that Councillors Greaves, Khan and Phelps were attending the meeting due to changes in membership following the recent local elections. He paid tribute to the valuable contributions made by Stanley King who had retired and Peter McBride and Malcolm Slater who were no longer elected members.

#### 46. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

#### 47. MINUTES

**RESOLVED** - That the minutes of the meeting held on 19 March 2008 be approved.

#### **48. UPDATE ON PROGRESS TOWARDS THE LTP CONGESTION TARGET**

The Steering Group considered a report which provided an update on progress towards the West Yorkshire Congestion Target following the provision of updated information from the Department for Transport (DfT).

It was reported that the required traffic data had been received from the DfT and indicated that congestion in West Yorkshire had increased by 2.2% (measured in terms of person journey time per mile) but passenger throughput had decreased by 0.9%. An assessment of the information was being undertaken and officers were in discussion with the DfT regarding the data and some apparent inconsistencies. Once the discussions were concluded, it was anticipated that the Congestion Target Delivery Plan would be updated and submitted to the DfT in July/August. A report would be prepared for a future meeting of the Steering Group to consider the updated Delivery Plan.

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

#### **49. TRANSPORT GOVERNANCE REVIEW**

The Steering Group considered a report which provided an update on the progress being made in carrying out a detailed review of transport governance across the Leeds City Region.

It was reported that the first round of engagement sessions with all partner authorities and stakeholders had been completed. Atkins consultants had drafted the Stage II Issues and Challenges report and a summary was attached at Appendix A to the submitted report.

Members discussed the feedback and emerging issues (including the 'do minimum' changes from the enactment of the Bill and the need for transitional arrangements). Members were advised that further detailed rounds of engagement would be held with each partner authority and stakeholder. These would focus on six potential governance models which were briefly outlined to the meeting.

It was anticipated that the review would be completed by September 2008 and a preferred governance model(s) would be presented to the Leaders Board for consideration in October 2008.

**RESOLVED** –

- (a)** That the progress being made in carrying out a detailed review of transport governance across the City Region be noted.
- (b)** That regular progress reports be prepared for future meetings of the Steering Group.

## **50. DEVELOPMENT OF A MULTI AREA AGREEMENT**

The Steering Group considered a report on the development of the transport component of a Multi Area Agreement (MAA) for Transport and Skills in the Leeds City Region (LCR).

Members considered the summary of the emerging MAA transport theme which contained 10 'Asks' of Government that would help align regional transport priorities and outcomes, provide funding and financial flexibilities and some further tools to deliver the Vision schemes. It was reported that discussions were being held with Government Office Yorkshire & Humber (GOYH), Department for Communities & Local Government (CLG) and the Department for Transport (DfT) and with local and regional partners to enable the MAA to be submitted to Government in June 2008.

**RESOLVED** - That the progress in developing a MAA for transport across the Leeds City Region be noted.

## **51. SUB-NATIONAL REVIEW OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION - CONSULTATION**

The Steering Group considered a report on the Government's White Paper - Sub-National Review of Economic Development and Regeneration.

It was reported that the Government was undertaking a review of Economic Development and Regeneration in the Region and had invited all interested stakeholders to take part in a consultation.

Members considered the draft response prepared on behalf of the West Yorkshire LTP Partnership which was attached at Appendix A to the submitted report. It was reported that the draft would be forwarded to the City Region who it was believed were also preparing a response. The closing date for submission of responses was 20 June 2008.

**RESOLVED** – That, subject to members' comments, the consultation response attached at Appendix A to the submitted report be endorsed.