

# **AGENDA ITEM NO: 19**

## **WEST YORKSHIRE PASSENGER TRANSPORT AUTHORITY**

### **AT A MEETING OF THE CONCESSIONARY FARES WORKING GROUP HELD AT WELLINGTON HOUSE ON WEDNESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2005**

**PRESENT:-** Councillor C Greaves (Chair)

Councillors M Bower, J Lewis, P McBride and K Rhodes

#### **1. CHAIR**

**RESOLVED** - That Councillor C Greaves be elected to take the Chair.

#### **2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors K Hussain, J Prestage and M Walker.

#### **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

#### **4. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** - That the minutes of the meeting held on 21 June 2005 be approved.

#### **5. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED** - That the press and public now be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that if they were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information defined in Part 1 (Paragraph 8) of Schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972.

#### **6. IMPLICATIONS OF FREE CONCESSIONARY TRAVEL**

The Working Group considered a report of the Passenger Transport Executive providing an update on issues relating to changes in concessionary travel arrangements from April 2006.

Members were updated on the *pteg* study of additional costs, the areas of discretionary spend for Metro, the ODPM revised proposals and consultation on the distribution of additional funding, reimbursement arrangements and the timescales for notifying changes to the scheme.

**RESOLVED -**

- (a) That the updated information on cost estimates be noted.
- (b) That the consultation on the revised distribution methodology and PTA SIG response be noted.
- (c) That the broad cost estimates relating to areas of discretionary spend be noted.
- (d) That a progress report be prepared for the meeting of the Authority to be held on 30 September 2005.
- (e) That the issues set out in the report form part of the levy discussions with the five District Councils.