

WEST YORKSHIRE INTEGRATED TRANSPORT AUTHORITY
AT A MEETING OF THE EXTERNAL FUNDING WORKING GROUP
HELD AT WELLINGTON HOUSE ON
TUESDAY 7 APRIL 2009

PRESENT: Councillor K Rhodes (Chair)

Councillors C Campbell, C Greaves, P McBride, G Phelps
and P Wadsworth

8. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Brice.

9. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

10. MINUTES

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2008 be approved.

11. INTERREG FUNDING PROPOSAL

The Working Group considered a report of the Passenger Transport Executive on the submission of a bid for funding from the North Sea Interreg Programme.

It was reported that Metro had been liaising with other European cities/regions to develop a low carbon transport project, CARE North, through Interreg funding. Members were advised that the lead partner, Bremen (Germany), had submitted a bid on behalf of the partners. The bids would be evaluated by the North Sea Secretariat in early June 2009 and the results were expected to be announced shortly after.

The Committee discussed the project activities and work packages included in the bid which were outlined in the submitted report. It was noted that Metro would lead in the development of new/revised transport strategies and programmes that address CO₂ reduction, emission trading and financial and other instruments such as carbon budgets and carbon compensation. It was reported that carbon budgets had been introduced at Kirklees Council and further information would be sought from them. It was suggested that all

partners should lobby MEPs and prospective candidates at the earliest opportunity.

It was reported that in order to attract the grant, each partner's activities would need to total c.€700,000 and Metro would need to provide match funding of c.€356,000. This would come from transport studies and modelling that was being undertaken as part of the Transport for Leeds activities which were part funded through the Transport Innovation Fund. If the bid was successful it would allow the retention of the current Travel for Work team.

A progress report would be prepared for a future meeting of the Working Group.

RESOLVED - That the submission of the Interreg funding bid be endorsed.