

AGENDA ITEM No. 8

AT A MEETING OF THE LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN STEERING GROUP HELD AT CITY HALL, BRADFORD ON THURSDAY 30 JUNE 2005

PRESENT: Councillor J S King (Chairman)
Councillor A Hawksworth - Bradford MDC
Councillor J Smithson - Kirklees MC
Councillor S Andrew - Leeds CC
Councillor P McBride - WYPTA

Officers in Attendance: A Mainwaring - Bradford MDC
D Holdstock - Calderdale MBC
J English - Kirklees MC
M Fudge - Kirklees MC
D Gilson - Leeds CC
A Spittlehouse - Wakefield MDC
J Henkel - Metro
D Hoggarth - Metro
R Chaplin - WYPTA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G Wainwright (Calderdale), A Manifold (Wakefield) and R Downes (WYPTA).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting held on 26 May 2005 be accepted as a true record.

4. DRAFT LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 2006/2011

The Steering Group considered a report of the West Yorkshire Local Transport Plan Partnership on the provisional second Local Transport Plan (LTP2).

Members noted the feedback that had been received following the last meeting and the proposed additional text to strengthen a number of areas in LTP2. Consideration was given to the amended list of schemes that could be delivered with 'bonus' funding that would have a significant impact on outputs or targets but could not be afforded from the basic funding allocation. It was noted that the list of schemes was indicative and there would be an opportunity to revise the schemes if the bid for bonus funding was successful.

The Steering Group were advised that a further meeting had been held with the DfT and GOYH and progress in producing the provisional LTP had been reported to the Association of West Yorkshire Authorities (AWYA). It was noted that AWYA endorsed the section on demand management but had suggested that discussions be held with GOYH about how best to reflect each authority's position regarding demand management and that some authorities would be prepared to adopt a more radical approach if improvements to transport infrastructure were in place and/or as part of the approach to the Transport Innovation Fund.

It was reported that officers were undertaking initial work to develop a West Yorkshire vision for the long-term investments required to maintain and enhance the economic strength of West Yorkshire and would incorporate the long-term aspirations of partner authorities.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the changes set out in the report be accepted as not materially amending the document previously endorsed and currently being considered by each partner Authority.
- (b) That advice be sought from GOYH on whether further emphasis on local circumstances would strengthen or otherwise the section on demand management.

5. MAJOR SCHEMES

The Steering Group considered a report of the West Yorkshire Local Transport Plan Partnership on a list of major schemes that could be submitted as part of LTP2.

Members noted that the list had been prepared following an independent appraisal carried out by consultants to review the potential schemes. It was noted that two of the schemes identified by the consultants (Wakefield Westgate and Kirklees Structures schemes) were ready for submission in July 2005.

Members noted that there were a further 8 potential major schemes that were recommended for inclusion in LTP2. Three of these were 'county-

wide' schemes and five were locationally specific. This was in accordance with the framework and overall approach previously endorsed. It was also noted that the section of the programme might require review following announcements in regional funding allocations.

RESOLVED -

- (a) That the Steering Group endorse the approach to major schemes as set out in the report and the proposed programme be reported to the AWYA Leaders meeting in July.
- (b) That further work be undertaken after submission of the provisional Plan to inform the prioritised programme that would be required as part of the full Plan.

6. APPROACH TO THE TRANSPORT INNOVATION FUND

The Steering Group considered a report on the proposed approach to the Transport Innovation Fund.

It was noted that at the last meeting of the Steering Group, members had requested that the Transport Innovation Fund (TIF) bid be separated from the main LTP document. Members had been circulated with a draft paper which set out a potential approach to the TIF and which would form the basis of a paper to the AWYA Leaders.

The Steering Group noted that the DfT had not provided any detailed guidance and that authorities would not be expected to submit a bid by the July deadline for the submission of the provisional LTP2. However it was considered desirable to confirm continued interest in the fund and set out a basis of discussions with DfT and GOY&H over the summer. It was noted that the draft submission was for discussion purposes and the final version would be brought to a future meeting of the Steering Group.

RESOLVED - That the draft approach attached to the report form the basis of a paper to the AWYA Leaders' meeting on 22 July 2005.

7. FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME

The Steering Group considered a report on the work programme and schedule for future meetings of the LTP Steering Group and West Yorkshire Integrated Transport Forum.

RESOLVED -

- (a) That the proposed future work programme and schedule of meetings be noted.

- (b) That the next meeting of the Steering Group and West Yorkshire Integrated Transport Forum be held on 15 September 2005 at Wellington House, Leeds.

8. ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

Copies of the final version of the Annual Progress Report were circulated at the meeting.