

**AT A MEETING OF THE LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN  
STEERING GROUP HELD AT WELLINGTON HOUSE, LEEDS  
ON TUESDAY 24 JULY 2007**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Councillor S King (Chair)		
	Councillor G Wainwright	-	Calderdale MBC
	Councillor B Anderson	-	Leeds CC
	Councillor R Downes	-	WYPTA
	Councillor P McBride	-	WYPTA
	Councillor G Phelps	-	WYPTA
<b>Officers in Attendance:</b>	J Blackburn	-	Bradford MDC
	S Clewlow	-	Kirklees MC
	M Fudge	-	Kirklees MC
	D Gilson	-	Leeds CC
	B Anderson	-	Wakefield MDC
	D Hoggarth	-	Metro
	S Naylor	-	WYPTA

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Slater (WYPTA), S Andrew (LCC), A Hawkesworth (BMDC), M Bolt (KMC), D Jeffrey (WMDC) and Mr J English (Kirklees MC).

**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 17 April 2007 be accepted as a true record.

**4. LTP2 PERFORMANCE UPDATE**

The Steering Group considered a report on LTP performance in 2006/07 including progress towards the LTP2 targets.

It was noted that there was no mandatory requirement to produce or submit a full progress report to the DfT this year. However, as a matter of good practice, the LTP Partnership had produced a draft summary of performance and progress following the first full year of LTP2 and a copy was attached to

the submitted report. It was noted that the progress report would be completed when data was received for all the targets. In this respect, a further update was provided to Members at the meeting.

It was noted that a full review of programmes for years 3-5 of the LTP would now take place. The outcome of the review would be reported to the next meeting of the Steering Group, which was scheduled to take place in September 2007.

The Chair made comment regarding the LTP2 target set for 'satisfaction with local bus services'. In response, it was explained that the target had been set at an achievable figure in accordance with base data provided nationally. There would be scope to revisit the target if the initial target level was achieved.

#### **RESOLVED -**

- (a) That the report of LTP performance in 2006/07 be noted.
- (b) That future programmes be reviewed in the light of the performance data and a further report be prepared for the next meeting of the Group.

### **5. TARGET FOR MODE SHARE OF JOURNEYS TO SCHOOL**

The Steering Group considered a report on a new LTP2 target for Mandatory Indicator LTP4 "Mode Share of Journeys to School".

It was reported that the DfT required a mandatory LTP target in respect of mode share of journeys to school for all pupils aged 5 to 16 by 31 July 2007 (subsequently revised to August). The provision of the target was previously deferred from inclusion in the LTP2 until the necessary DfT data had been received. In this respect, it was confirmed that the baseline data had now been received from the DfT.

Members were advised of the DfT's requirements and noted that the 2006/07 base year was based on data from 91% of all schools with travel plans and 79% of schools without travel plans, a total of almost 250,000 pupils. It was reported that the previous surveys did not provide sufficiently robust data to enable any accurate trends in car mode share to be determined. As only base data from the annual School Census was available it was suggested that the proposed target should recommend no increase in the 2006/7 figure for pupils aged 5 to 16 travelling to school by car. It was reported that the initiatives undertaken in West Yorkshire (including the successful MyBus scheme) had contributed to a higher base figure for public transport mode share when compared to other metropolitan areas. It was stated that this target would be subject to review as more data became available via the School Census and trends could be established.

**RESOLVED** - That the following target for LTP2 Mandatory Indicator LTP4 “Mode Share of Journeys to School” be approved with the proviso that the target be subject to review as more data becomes available via the School Census and trends can be established during LTP2:

*“By 2010/11 to have no more than 24.3% of pupils aged 5 to 16 travelling to school by car (excluding car share), ie. no increase on the 2006/7 figure.”*

## **6. MAJOR SCHEMES UPDATE**

The Steering Group considered a progress report on developing and delivering major transport schemes in West Yorkshire.

### **Leeds Supertram Replacement Scheme**

The Group was advised that an Initial Business Case (IBC) was submitted to the DfT in early April 2007 to develop a high quality bus-based alternative to the Leeds Supertram scheme. It was reported that the preferred option consisted of a 3 line trolleybus network, which would provide access into Leeds City Centre from the North, South and East of the city. An additional route option to encompass the Aire Valley Leeds area was also identified. Members were advised that following the scheme's submission to the Regional Transport Board for endorsement in June, an initial sum of £150m had been allocated to the project from the current Regional Funding Allocation.

Initial feedback obtained from the DfT in response to the IBC submission had provided Metro and Leeds City Council with the necessary assurance to develop a Major Scheme Business Case (MSBC). It was envisaged that the MSBC would be submitted to the DfT in approximately 12 month's time following comprehensive assessment by the newly appointed project advisors.

### **Other Major Schemes**

Members noted that the Leeds Station Southern Access Scheme and the Airedale Integrated Transport Improvement Project would be submitted to the Regional Transport Board before the end of 2007. A report concerning these schemes would be submitted to a future meeting of the Group. The Group also noted progress with regard to the delivery and development of other major schemes, as detailed in Appendix A of the submitted report.

It was noted that any major schemes submitted to the Regional Transport Board after the end of 2007 would not be considered for support from the Regional Funding Allocation before 2011.

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

## **7. NATIONAL AND REGIONAL POLICY ISSUES**

The Steering Group considered a progress report on national and regional policy issues including the Local Transport Bill, Planning White Paper, Regional Spatial Strategy, Regional (Rail) Planning Assessment and City Region Transport Vision.

### **Draft Local Transport Bill**

It was reported that the draft Bill had been published in May 2007 and encompassed three areas of local transport, which were local bus service provision, powers and governance arrangements in metropolitan areas and local road pricing schemes. The Bill also proposed that the Local Transport Plan be replaced with an Integrated Transport Strategy and implementation plan for metropolitan areas.

Members noted that the draft Bill was presently undergoing a consultation process until 7 September 2007. An executive summary of questions for consultees and the proposed response to these questions was circulated to the group. The Group was informed that responses to the bus related questions would be developed through the Passenger Transport Executive Group (pteg) and the PTA Special Interest Group and responses to the powers and governance questions would be undertaken through the Association of West Yorkshire Authorities and the City Region Leaders.

Concern was expressed regarding proposals to enable private hire vehicle licence holders (PHV) to apply for a Public Service Vehicle (PSV) operator's licence in order to provide local bus services, as it was considered that this could undermine local bus operators. In response, Members were assured that their concerns would be raised with pteg for consideration in their response.

It was noted that Terms of Reference were being drawn up for a review of governance and powers starting in the autumn (in advance of the Bill being enacted). It was confirmed that progress reports concerning the Local Transport Bill would be submitted to future meetings of the Group.

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

## **8. 2007/2008 WORK PROGRAMME**

The Steering Group considered a report on the future work programme of the Local Transport Plan (LTP) Steering Group.

It was noted that the work of the Steering Group would include overseeing the implementation of LTP2, the development of major schemes, overseeing the Urban Congestion Target Implementation Plan and Performance Fund and to respond to consultations and external policy matters as appropriate.

The Steering Group noted the work programme/proposed schedule of meetings and that, due to the nature of the work of the Steering Group, these may need to be altered in response to changing circumstances.

It was agreed that once dates for future meetings had been determined members of the Steering Group would be notified accordingly.

**RESOLVED -**

- (a)** That the future work programme be noted.
- (b)** That the Steering Group identifies any other topics for the future work programme.
- (c)** That members of the Steering Group be advised of dates for future meetings once agreed.