

# **AGENDA ITEM No.**

## **WEST YORKSHIRE PASSENGER TRANSPORT AUTHORITY**

### **AT A MEETING OF THE LEEDS PASSENGER CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT WELLINGTON HOUSE, LEEDS ON MONDAY 11 APRIL 2005**

**PRESENT:** Councillor G Mulholland (Chair)

#### **WYPTA**

W Hyde  
J Jarosz  
T Leadley  
J Lewis  
M Lyons  
D Schofield

#### **PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES**

David Bowcock	Michael Piet
Janice Dinsdale	Frank Priestley
Vera Foster	David Senior
Philip Good	Lynne Strutt
Barbara Kay	Peter Yates
Rosemary Keenoy	

#### **LEEDS CITY COUNCIL**

C Fox

#### **Also in attendance:-**

S Graham	-	First Leeds
R Hill	-	Northern
C Leslie	-	TSSA
C Newbury	-	Arriva Yorkshire

#### **13. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from public representative Mr Parks, Mr Smith and Mrs Stocks.

#### **14. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** - That the minutes of the meeting held on 17 January 2005 be approved.

#### **15. FEEDBACK REPORT**

The Committee considered a report of the Passenger Transport Executive advising them of the feedback received at the meeting of the Committee

held on 17 January 2005.

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

## **16. INFORMATION REPORT**

The Committee considered a report of the Passenger Transport Executive on information regarding current developments and issues affecting the Leeds District.

### **Police Target (Safer Transport Group)**

It was noted that the Police had been targeting problematic routes and bus stations during March to address anti social behaviour. A further operation was scheduled to commence on 16 April 2005 involving the Police, Special Constables, PCSOs and the British Transport Police and would include rail travel.

### **Bus Service Changes**

The Committee were advised of the service changes scheduled for 24 April 2005 and a copy of the Changing Times leaflet was available at the meeting.

Comment was made with regard to the publicity arrangements of bus service changes and Members stressed that details of future changes should be widely circulated.

### **Supertram**

Members noted that a delegation had met the Minister, Tony McNulty, on 7 March 2005 to discuss the way forward with the Leeds Supertram scheme.

Members were advised that the meeting was positive and the Minister was aware of the need for an urgent decision. However, further work and clarification regarding the accounting treatment of the scheme was requested by the Minister before a decision would be made.

The Committee expressed their support for the Leeds Supertram scheme and welcomed a prompt decision from the Government.

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

**17. CONSULTATION ITEM – LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 2**

- (a) OVERALL APPROACH**
- (b) BUS STRATEGY**
- (c) RAILPLAN 6**
- (d) INFORMATION STRATEGY**

The Committee considered a report and presentations by the Passenger Transport Executive on the draft 2<sup>nd</sup> West Yorkshire Local Transport Plan and associated strategies.

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It was noted that the initial draft Plan had been prepared to reflect the objectives discussed at the January PCC meetings, the consultation responses, transport modelling and the initial strategic environmental assessment. A copy of the full version of the draft Plan was available to members on request.

**Bus Strategy/RailPlan6/Information Strategy**

The Committee were given a presentation on the revised Bus Strategy, updated RailPlan and revised Information Strategy. Members would be provided with copies of the documents as part of the formal consultation process.

In respect of RailPlan 6, Members discussed the performance of local rail services. It was reported that the level of punctuality and cancellations had improved compared to the same period in the previous year and that Metro would continue to monitor performance. Members were also advised that a potential contribution from Yorkshire Forward was being considered as part of their investment process for the leasing of additional rolling stock and lengthening of some station platforms could be funded from the LTP.

With regard to the Bus Strategy, comment was made with regard to the overall decline in bus patronage, in particular, how the decline in West Yorkshire compared to other parts of the country. In this respect, Members requested that information comparing bus patronage across each of the PTA's be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee. If certain areas showed patronage growth, Members asked to be informed of the interventions/mechanisms implemented to achieve such growth in order that West Yorkshire could adopt these measures.

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

**18. REPRESENTATION ON PASSENGER CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES**

It was noted that this was the final meeting for the current public representatives serving on the Committee and the Chair thanked them for their valuable contributions over the last two years.