

WEST YORKSHIRE PASSENGER TRANSPORT AUTHORITY

**AT A MEETING OF THE TENDERED SERVICES WORKING GROUP
HELD IN WELLINGTON HOUSE ON
MONDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2008**

PRESENT: Councillor T Brice (Chair)

Councillors C Campbell, D Congreve, K Rhodes and G Wainwright

79. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor G Phelps.

80. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

81. MINUTES

Comment was made that Metro was continuing to receive complaints from residents in Raistrick, particularly those living in the Raistrick Common and Crabtree Lane area who no longer had a bus service.

The Working Group requested officers to identify any possible solutions including the introduction of a service on a 'use it or lose it' basis to restore links to the affected areas.

Members were advised that Boxing Day patronage data had recently been received from operators. This was currently being analysed to assess the effectiveness of the routes provided. The results of the analysis would be reported to the next meeting of the Group with recommendations for service delivery in 2008.

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting held on 9 January 2008 be approved.

82. TENDERED BUS SERVICES IN YEADON

The Working Group considered a report of the Passenger Transport Executive on the proposed operation of an interim bus service pending a further review of tendered bus services in the Yeadon area.

Following public meetings an interim off peak hourly service had been implemented which operated on an hourly basis on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays only. First were providing the off peak service between 0930 and

1400 hours running on sections of the previous 966 route which were not currently served.

It was also reported that a number of options to remodel the local network to restore services to affected areas were currently the subject of further consultation with local residents and user groups. Their preferred option would be implemented in April.

RESOLVED – That the operation of the interim 969 service and the consultation on options for service 966 be noted.

83. WORTH VALLEY – TENDERED MINIBUS SERVICES

The Working Group considered a report of the Passenger Transport Executive detailing amendments to the contract for minibus services in the Worth Valley area which provide local links between villages with connections to Keighley from areas not served by the main bus network.

It was reported that a review of the network had been undertaken to assess if the routes were best meeting local travel needs and how they could be integrated with tourism initiatives for the area.

Following the consultation exercise it was proposed to alter the network to ensure more efficient bus utilisation and provide a demand responsive service in some areas. The Working Group were also informed that the changes secured a small reduction in the value of the contract.

RESOLVED - That the amendments to the contract for the operation of tendered bus services in the Worth Valley be noted.

84. MITIGATING THE IMPACT OF ROAD CLOSURES ON BUS PASSENGERS

The Working Group considered a report of the Passenger Transport Executive on a draft agreement which was being developed between Metro and the local Highways Authorities to mitigate the impact on bus services when roads were temporarily closed.

It was reported that the draft protocol would clarify the arrangements required to ensure bus passengers were not unduly disadvantaged by road closures. The Working Group welcomed the proposals and in particular the intention to secure temporary shuttle bus services to connect passengers who would otherwise be isolated from bus services by the closures. The costs involved in providing the additional shuttle services would be met from the cost of the highway scheme or the utility company involved.

It was also suggested that the protocol should also include provision for buses to be given the same access arrangements as emergency vehicles.

RESOLVED - That the development of the agreement as detailed in the submitted report be endorsed.