

**AT A SEMINAR OF THE WEST YORKSHIRE PASSENGER TRANSPORT  
AUTHORITY HELD AT WELLINGTON HOUSE, LEEDS  
ON WEDNESDAY 31 JANUARY 2007**

**PRESENT:** Councillor J S King (Chair)

Councillors D Blackburn, D Congreve, R Downes, C Greaves,  
K Hussain, B Hyde, J Jarosz, S Khan, M Lyons, K Rhodes,  
D Schofield, M Slater, L Smaje, G Wainwright, M Walker and  
A Wallace

**81. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P McBride, G Phelps,  
C Smith, T Swift and C Townsley.

**82. SEMINAR – GOVERNANCE AND POWERS ISSUES**

The Authority were given a presentation by Mr K Preston on the  
Government's White Paper "Strong and Prosperous Communities" and the  
Road Transport Bill. In his presentation, Mr Preston also made reference to  
the draft consultation document, "Putting the Passenger First".

The presentation focussed on all the key elements of the Draft Bills with  
particular emphasis being placed on the new governance arrangements and  
the implications for PTAs/PTEs.

Mr Preston indicated that it was extremely important that the views of the  
Authority should be fed back into the consultation process and that the  
comments received at the seminar would be presented to the PTA Special  
Interest Group, which was being held on 6 February 2007, in order that a joint  
response could be prepared on behalf of all the Passenger Transport  
Authorities.

The Authority were also advised of a workshop which had been arranged by  
the DfT which provided key stakeholders with the opportunity to comment on,  
discuss and influence the contents of the White Paper. Those who attended  
included the Chair, Deputy Chair, Shadow Chair, District Spokespersons and  
the Chair and the Audit & Governance Committee.

**RESOLVED** - That the comments expressed by the Authority be referred to  
the PTA SIG in order that a joint response be made on behalf of all the PTAs.