

## AGENDA ITEM NO: 4

### WEST YORKSHIRE PASSENGER TRANSPORT AUTHORITY

#### AT A MEETING OF THE APPOINTED MEMBERS HELD IN WELLINGTON HOUSE ON FRIDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2007

**PRESENT:** Councillor R Downes (Chair)

Councillors S King and M Lyons

#### **8. DEVELOPMENT ISSUES**

Item withdrawn.

#### **9. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

#### **10. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

The Appointed Members considered a recommendation to exclude the press and public from the following items which contained exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972.

**RESOLVED** - That, in respect of Agenda Item 5 (Reimbursement Arrangements for Concessionary Travel) it was agreed that as disclosure of the report could prejudice further negotiations, the press and public be now excluded.

#### **11. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** - That the minutes of the meeting held on 29 June 2007 be approved.

#### **\*12. REIMBURSEMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONCESSIONARY TRAVEL**

Consideration was given to a report of the Passenger Transport Executive giving an update in respect of the budget for concessionary travel following the adjudicator's determination of the First Appeal and associated cost recovery from the bus operators.

With regard to the recalculations and consultation with operators, it was reported that although an agreement had been reached with those operators who had not appealed against Metro's scheme, a consensus had not been reached with First. It was essential that the matter be brought to a conclusion as quickly as possible and decisions needed to be taken on the basis of the advice received from MVA and the evidence presented by First in order to finalise the 2006/2007 reimbursement settlements. Members considered the proposals and risks regarding the assumptions to be adopted and used to calculate the final settlement for 2006/2007 which were set out in Section 3 of the submitted report. It was noted that a revised Scheme for 2007/2008 would need to be published following settlement of the 2006/2007 concessionary travel payments.

Members were advised that it would also be necessary to publish a new Scheme to take account of the arrangements that would be introduced from 1 April 2008 when the English National Concessions Scheme (ENCS) was implemented. A report would be prepared for consideration by the Authority regarding the publication of a revised scheme which would have to be published on 1 December 2007 to allow for the four month consultation period.

**RESOLVED -**

- (i) That the Authority endorse an approach of informing operators that Metro will make a final settlement for the 2006/2007 reimbursement on the basis set out in the submitted report.
- (ii) That the Authority endorse publication of the proposed reimbursement arrangements for 2007/2008.
- (iii) That a report be prepared for a future meeting regarding a scheme to take account of changes required by the English National Concessions Scheme (ENCS) with effect from 1 April 2008.