

**WEST YORKSHIRE PASSENGER TRANSPORT AUTHORITY**

**AT A MEETING OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT WORKING  
GROUP HELD AT WELLINGTON HOUSE ON  
THURSDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2006**

**PRESENT:** Councillor S Khan (Chair)

Councillors J S King, K Rhodes, E Smaje and C Townsley

Mr S Graham - Managing Director at First Leeds (**for Item 4 only**)

**8. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors K Hussain and J Jarosz.

**9. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

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

**10. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** - That the minutes of the meeting held on 8 September 2006 be noted.

**11. FTR ON ROUTE 4 IN LEEDS**

The Working Group considered a progress report of the Passenger Transport Executive on plans for the use of the 'ftr' vehicle on Route 4 in Leeds. They also received an up-date from Mr S Graham, Managing Director of First Leeds, with regard to the proposed ticketing arrangements.

Members were reminded of the difficulties surrounding the introduction of the ftr in York, particularly regarding the issue of tickets to passengers. Mr Graham assured the Group that First would not allow a repeat of the problems experienced in York when the new vehicles were launched in Leeds. First planned to phase the introduction of the new vehicles onto route 4 and aimed to implement the first two vehicles during November. The vehicles would have Customer Service Hosts/Hostesses located onboard who would be able to sell a range of tickets to passengers and provide customer information. Other proposed ticketing arrangements for passengers were likely to include the use of retail outlets, on-street and onboard ticket machines.

It was suggested that First consider the potential future use of ITSO compliant smartcards for concessionary and other travel purposes in the procurement of ticket machines.

## **RESOLVED -**

- (a)** That the approach set out in the submitted report be endorsed.
- (b)** That the Managing Director of First West Yorkshire (Leeds) be thanked for the information he provided to the meeting regarding First's proposals.

## **12. LEEDS BUS RAPID TRANSIT - UPDATE OF ACTIVITY**

The Working Group considered a progress report of the Passenger Transport Executive regarding the proposals for the former Leeds Supertram transport corridors, which incorporated north, south and east Leeds areas including the Aire Valley Employment region.

Members were reminded that Metro required the full support of the Department for Transport (DfT) to develop the scheme. It was reported that discussions had now taken place with the DfT who had agreed to receive an Outline Business Case submission from Metro and Leeds City Council as the first step towards gaining funding approval. The Group was informed that the Outline Business Case submission would be submitted to the DfT by late December and would include the rationale for route selection, information relating to the process for mode selection, a breakdown of scheme costs/benefits and an overview of powers, procurement and delivery issues/schedules.

It was reported that the final bid for DfT funding for the replacement scheme would need to demonstrate full compliance with Major Scheme Guidance and that public consultation on the proposals would be undertaken. It would also be necessary to gain the support of the Regional Transport Board for funding through the Regional Funding Allocation.

In addition to the reviewed routing options detailed in the submitted report, Members were also provided with examples of the preferred (full electric tram), the next best (diesel-electric tram) and lower cost (diesel bus) vehicle type options available to the scheme. The appraisal of major scheme proposals was based upon a multi-criteria approach and the two key indicators of the scheme's economic performance were the Net Present Value and the Benefit:Cost ratio.

Members were advised that the Outline Business Case would be considered by Leeds City Council and the full Authority prior to submission, as the project would require significant input from both organisations in its further development.

## **RESOLVED -**

- (a)** That the approach set out in this report be endorsed.
- (b)** That the Authority and Leeds City Council consider a report of the proposed Supertram replacement scheme and be recommended to approve the submission of an Outline Business Case.