

AGENDA ITEM No: 13.

WEST YORKSHIRE PASSENGER TRANSPORT AUTHORITY

AT A MEETING OF THE EUROPEAN FUNDING WORKING GROUP HELD AT WELLINGTON HOUSE ON FRIDAY 28 OCTOBER 2005

PRESENT: Councillor K Rhodes (Chair)
Councillor J S King
Councillor G Phelps
Councillor A Wallace (substitute)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor M Bower.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting of the Working Group held on 30 November 2004 be noted.

4. TARGET 2 - PROJECT COMPLETION

The Working Group considered a report of the Passenger Transport Executive on the completion of the project, which was officially closing on 31 October 2005.

It was reported that a final report had to be submitted to the Interreg Secretariat to process the final claim and feedback from the Secretariat would be referred back to the Working Group.

Members commented on the success of the project and referred to a number of schemes including the SAFEMark scheme, the Travel Option Planning Service, the launch of the Leeds City Council Car Club, which had been funded through the project.

Members were informed that the overall project budget was €7.7 million euros and that expenditure to June 2005 had been €6.4 million euros and grant claimed to that date was €3.1 million euros. It was anticipated that the final claim would mean that the project would achieve full expenditure and grant.

RESOLVED -

- (a) That the report be noted.
- (b) That officers be thanked for all their hard work throughout the project.
- (c) That copy of the project DVD and CD-ROM be distributed.

5. NEW NORTH SEA INTERREG PROGRAMME

The Working Group considered a report of the Passenger Transport Executive on the new North Sea Interreg Programme and the opportunities to bid for project development funds.

It was reported that the programme was being developed and would provide funding from 2007 to 2013.

The North Sea Interreg Programme (NSIP) had now invited applications for further projects to be funded and that whilst existing projects would not be funded, priority would be given to schemes, which developed suitable proposals for the 2007 programme.

In this respect, it was proposed that Metro liaise with other Target partners to ascertain what interest there would be in applying for funds to develop a project, which would address:

- Management of the supply of transport systems (eg bus network design, Demand Responsive Transport);
- Managing the demand for transport through pricing mechanisms (eg off-peak fares), marketing and promotion.

Any bid would be likely to seek grant in the order of €150,000 euros and any match funding by Metro would be sourced from approved budgets.

RESOLVED - That the report be noted.