

WEST YORKSHIRE INTEGRATED TRANSPORT AUTHORITY

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

DATE: 17 MARCH 2009

AGENDA ITEM NO: **6**

SUBJECT: ANNUAL BUDGET 2009/10

Report of the Passenger Transport Executive

1. MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

- 1.1. To note the approval of the annual capital and revenue budgets for 2008/09 and the proposed monitoring arrangements.

2. INFORMATION

- 2.1. Members of the Authority approved a revised revenue budget for 2008/09 and the proposed 2009/10 budget at the meeting in February. The indicative 2009/10 capital budget was also approved. These are attached as Appendices A and B for information.
- 2.2. It is proposed that the monitoring arrangements in place for the current year are continued in 2009/10, ie that updates on both capital and revenue spending, including revised projections, be brought to each meeting of the Audit and Governance Committee.
- 2.3. The significant matters impacting on the 2009/10 revenue budget were fully explained at the budget briefing in December and again at the February meeting of the Authority. These centre largely around concessionary travel costs and the required level of reserves. The three year deal with the major bus operators has provided a level of certainty with regard to operator reimbursements but outstanding risk remains in relation to patronage growth and to the future costs and income at the end of the three year period. Reserves have therefore been reduced from the £6m predicted last year, to a projected position of £4.1m by the end of 2009/10.
- 2.4. The largest budget head after concessions and rail is tendered services and there has been much discussion about the challenges facing the Authority in respect of this. It was agreed at the last meeting that the Tendered Services Working Group would undertake a fundamental review of the way in which tendered services are provided and determine if there are 'smarter' ways of meeting essential access needs.

3. FINANCIAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1. As set out in the report.

4. STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

4.1. None arising directly from this report.

5. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IMPLICATIONS

5.1. None arising directly from this report.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1. That the report be noted.

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West Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive