

**WEST YORKSHIRE INTEGRATED TRANSPORT AUTHORITY**  
**AT A MEETING OF THE EXTERNAL FUNDING WORKING GROUP**  
**HELD AT WELLINGTON HOUSE ON**  
**MONDAY 25 JANUARY 2010**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Y Crewe (Chair)  
Councillors C Campbell, D Congreve and K Rhodes

**8. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors T Brice and G Lowe.

**9. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**10. MINUTES**

Further to minute 7, Developer Contributions to Public Transport – Residential MetroCard Scheme, it was reported that a demonstration of the ACIS system which provided internet links, realtime travel information, details of energy consumption and recycling activities to households would be arranged for the next meeting. Once a date for the meeting had been agreed, it was suggested that representatives of Leeds City Council's Planning Department also be invited to attend.

**RESOLVED** - That the minutes of the meeting held on 17 July 2009 be approved.

**11. INTERREG FUNDED PROJECT ('CARE North')**

The Working Group considered a report of the Passenger Transport Executive advising members of progress with the CARE North Project funded through the North Sea Interreg Programme.

It was reported that the CARE North project had commenced on 1 October 2009 and would last for 3 years. A project inception meeting had established administrative and reporting requirements which would be on a six monthly cycle. The first financial and progress reporting would be for the 6 month period October 2009 to March 2010 and this would be presented to the next meeting of the Working Group.

Members were advised that work had commenced on developing the various work packages which were outlined in the submitted report. It was noted that Metro would participate in several of them and would lead on WP8 - Carbon Budgets and Compensation. This would involve Metro taking some of the modelling outputs and approaches being developed from the 'Transport for Leeds' research project and applying them to inform the development of low carbon strategies and budgeting methodologies. This work would take place in the context of developing the next round of the Local Transport Plan (LTP3) and members noted the progress to date.

**RESOLVED -**

- (a) That the commencement and progress with the CARE North project be noted.
- (b) That the outcome of the first period of Interreg financial and progress (October 2009 to March 2010) be reported to the next meeting of the Working Group.

**12. RURAL ACCESS TO OPPORTUNITIES**

The Working Group considered a report of the Passenger Transport Executive which provided an update on the award of funding to Metro to support transport and accessibility projects under the Yorkshire Forward Rural Access to Opportunities programme.

It was reported that the programme consisted of three fully funded projects with the aim to improve access to employment and training for rural residents. The three projects were the Transport Delegated Fund, the Access to Services Delegated Fund and Staffing Support.

With regard to Staffing Support, it was reported that the project was funding the post of a Rural Accessibility Advisor for the duration of the programme and Peter Coello, who had been appointed to the post, attended the meeting. He advised members of the West Yorkshire Rural Accessibility Partnership which involved rural communities in transport and accessibility issues. The partnership had been established for the previous project and had provided a good foundation. There were now over 100 organisations involved in the partnership and this would be used as a means of consultation and involvement

It was noted that the new programme for the Transport Delegated Fund would focus on improving access to employment and training with applicants being asked to provide 50/50 match funding. The Access to Services Delegated Fund would provide small scale revenue and capital grants for non-transport projects which improved accessibility to jobs and training. The aim was to improve the provision of services and advice in rural areas, thereby reducing the need for people to travel and applicants would again be asked to provide 50/50 match funding.

It was noted that progress reports would be provided at future meetings but should members require any further information regarding the project they could contact Peter Coello at [peter.coello@wypte.gov.uk](mailto:peter.coello@wypte.gov.uk) .

**RESOLVED** - That the Group notes the new Rural Access to Opportunities programme.