

AGENDA ITEM No. 13

WEST YORKSHIRE PASSENGER TRANSPORT AUTHORITY

AT A MEETING OF THE APPOINTED MEMBERS HELD AT WELLINGTON HOUSE ON FRIDAY 9 JUNE 2006

PRESENT: Councillor K Hussain (Chair)

Councillors J S King and M Lyons

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

5. RAIL ROLLING STOCK

Consideration was given to a report of the Passenger Transport Executive on rolling stock issues, including an update on the scheme for additional capacity on peak services in West Yorkshire. Approval was sought for expenditure on infrastructure enhancements, a consequential service change and the refurbishment of Metro's Class 321 units.

Members were advised of the contractual negotiations held with Northern and discussed the details of the risk and reward sharing on the additional rolling stock project. Councillor Lyons expressed concern over the allocation of diagrammed units and how control could be exercised to ensure they were utilised on the PTA specified routes. Members asked that Northern be requested to stable the additional units within the county. It was suggested that the Secretary and Solicitor investigate the legal position regarding the matter.

With regard to the stabling of units, it was reported that the Neville Hill depot, where most of West Yorkshire's rolling stock was serviced, was operating close to capacity. Consideration was given to a capital contribution by Metro to provide depot facilities and scheme costs at Holbeck for the additional rolling stock. It was noted that the capital contribution could be met from Metro's share of the Local Transport Plan and could potentially generate revenue which could be used to fund other priorities.

It was reported that Northern were proposing to withdraw the 06.12 service from Leeds to Bradford Forster Square because the stabling of trains at Bradford Forster Square removed the need to operate an early morning service from Leeds. It was noted that this would require an amendment to the Service Level Commitment for the route.

Consideration was given to the proposals to enhance the Class 321 units which would include onboard passenger information systems, CCTV, improvements to seating, wheelchair space and cycle storage. It was noted that the enhancements could be funded from the proceeds of the Class 321 leasing transfer to HSBC Rail which had generated a capital sum to fund passenger benefits.

Councillor Lyons asked that his dissent be recorded on all four resolutions taken.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the contractual arrangements for risk and reward sharing on the additional rolling stock project be noted.
- (b) That a capital contribution of £1.5m towards the cost of the scheme at Holbeck be approved.
- (c) That the proposed withdrawal of the 06.12 Leeds to Bradford Forster Square be approved and the Service Level Commitment be amended.
- (d) That the expenditure of an estimated £520,000 on additional passenger enhancements to the Class 321 units leased by Metro be approved.

6. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED - That the press and public now be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that if they were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information defined in Part 1 (Paragraph 3) of Schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972.

***7. THEFT FROM PTA BANK ACCOUNT**

Consideration was given to a report of the Clerk to the Authority on the steps taken to recover the stolen monies and obtain authorisation to agree settlement terms.

It was reported that measures were being implemented to prevent future incidents and further details would be included in a report to be considered by the Authority at its meeting on 23 June 2006.

RESOLVED -

- (a) That the Authority agrees the recommendations set out in the report.
- (b) That the progress made in implementing measures to prevent future attempts at fraud be noted.