

**AT A MEETING OF THE LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN STEERING GROUP
HELD AT WELLINGTON HOUSE, LEEDS
ON MONDAY 16 MARCH 2009**

PRESENT: Councillor R Downes (Chair)

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| Councillor A Hawkesworth | - | Bradford MC |
| Councillor K Watson | - | Calderdale MC |
| Councillor G Burton | - | Wakefield MDC |
| Councillor C Greaves | - | WYITA |
| Councillor G Phelps | - | WYITA |
| Councillor T Swift | - | WYITA |

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| Officers in Attendance: | J Blackburn | - | Bradford MC |
| | N Pickles | - | Calderdale MC |
| | S Taylor | - | Kirklees MC |
| | A Hall | - | Leeds CC |
| | K Bloomfield | - | Wakefield MDC |
| | D Hoggarth | - | Metro |
| | A Chymera | - | Metro |
| | R Chaplin | - | WYITA |

40. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Sheard (Kirklees), S Andrew (Leeds) and D Dagger (Wakefield).

41. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

42. MINUTES

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting held on 9 February 2009 be approved.

43. LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN SPENDING APPROVALS

The Steering Group considered a report requesting that the Steering Group seek approval from the Association of West Yorkshire Authorities (AWYA) on Local Transport Plan spending approvals.

Members noted the funding allocations and agreed that they go forward to the AWYA as follows:

- To allocate the Regional Funding Allocation funded LTP Uplift for 2008/09
- For the continuance of the existing delegation to this Steering Group to agree the measures to be funded from the new Congestion Performance Funding
- To allocate the Road Safety Grants for 2009/10.

RESOLVED -

- (a)** That approval be sought from the next meeting of AWYA to approve the 2008/09 funding allocation between partners for the LTP uplift from the RFA as detailed in Table 1 of the submitted report.
- (b)** That approval be sought from the next meeting of AWYA for the continuance of the existing delegation to this Steering Group to agree the measures to be funded from the allocation of the Congestion Performance Fund as identified in Table 2 of the submitted report.
- (c)** That approval be sought from the next meeting of AWYA to approve the 2009/10 funding allocations for the Specific Road Safety Grant as detailed in Table 3 of the submitted report.

44. A STRATEGIC APPROACH TO THE LTP FUNDING UPLIFT

The Steering Group considered a report which discussed the approach to the additional LTP2 funding of approximately £35m being made available to the West Yorkshire LTP Partnership over the next three years.

Members had previously considered the different approaches to allocating the 20% uplift in LTP allocations as a result of the Regional Transport Board's decision to address underspend in the early years of the region's major schemes programme. Whilst there had been no clear consensus on a way forward, the Steering Group had agreed that officers should develop a potential strategic programme that directed the additional funding towards priority major schemes within West Yorkshire.

It was reported that considerable progress had been made and a workshop had been held with LTP partners and an outline of a potential Strategic West Yorkshire Programme was detailed in Table 1 of the submitted report. Members then considered the proposed options for future delivery of the strategic programme which were outlined in paragraph 2.17 of the submitted report.

Members of the Steering Group supported the aim of acting strategically and developing the programme further. A number of views were expressed around the need to balance this approach with individual authorities' requirements (eg. the budget allocations that had already been made in

respect of 2008/09 allocations and the need to deliver early spend in the current recession). It was agreed that officers would further develop the strategic programme and that a further report would be prepared for a future meeting of the Steering Group regarding allocation of the 2009/10 and 2010/11 uplift funding.

RESOLVED -

- (a) That progress on developing a West Yorkshire strategic programme be noted.
- (b) That the programme be further developed and refined for consideration at a future meeting of the Steering Group.

45. DRAFT GUIDANCE FOR LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 3 – RESPONSE TO THE CONSULTATION

The Steering Group considered a report on a response to the Department for Transport (DfT) consultation on draft Guidance for Local Transport Plan 3 (LTP3).

Members considered the proposed West Yorkshire response to the DfT's draft statutory guidance which was attached at Appendix A to the submitted report. It was noted that the DfT had requested responses to the consultation by 9 April 2009.

RESOLVED - That subject to further minor modifications the West Yorkshire response be sent to the DfT before the deadline of 9 April 2009.