

AGENDA ITEM No: 7

AT A MEETING OF THE LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN STEERING GROUP HELD AT WELLINGTON HOUSE, LEEDS ON MONDAY 7 JULY 2008

PRESENT: Councillor R Downes (Chair)

Councillor A Hawkesworth	-	Bradford MC
Councillor K Watson	-	Calderdale MC
Councillor D Hall	-	Kirklees MC
Councillor S Andrew	-	Leeds CC
Councillor D Dagger	-	Wakefield MDC
Councillor C Greaves	-	WYPTA
Councillor G Phelps	-	WYPTA
Councillor T Swift	-	WYPTA

Officers in Attendance:	J Blackburn	-	Bradford MC
	D Holdstock	-	Calderdale MBC
	M Fudge	-	Kirklees MC
	T Harvey	-	Leeds CC
	D Cherry	-	Leeds CC
	H Vergereau	-	Atkins Consultants
	D Hoggarth	-	Metro
	J English	-	Metro
	R Chaplin	-	WYPTA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor G Wainwright (Calderdale).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

3. MINUTES

Further to minute 51, Sub-National Review of Economic Development and Regeneration, it was reported that a response to the consultation had been sent on behalf of the West Yorkshire LTP Partnership.

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting held on 28 May 2008 be approved.

4. LTP DELIVERY REPORT – UPDATE ON AIR QUALITY ISSUES

The Steering Group considered a report which provided an update on air quality issues.

It was reported that the guidance on Local Transport Plan (LTP2) Progress Reports required a draft update on air quality issues to be submitted in advance of the main 2008 Progress Report to the Department for Transport (DfT).

Members noted the progress of each District in declaring Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs) and Air Quality Action Plans (AQAPs) which were detailed in Appendix A to the submitted report. Members also noted the previously agreed mechanism with regard to the allocation of funding should a new district declare an AQMA. Consideration was also given to the draft report to be submitted to the DfT by 31 July 2008 which was attached at Appendix B. The Steering Group discussed targets and monitoring and the importance of close partnership working in order to achieve the shared priorities of LTP2.

It was noted that the draft progress report would continue to be developed prior to its submission so that any new information provided by the districts could be included and also to take into account discussions held with Government Office.

RESOLVED – That, subject to further refinement by officers, the air quality progress report be approved for submission to the Department for Transport (DfT).

5. DEVELOPMENT OF A MULTI AREA AGREEMENT

The Steering Group considered a report which provided an update on the development of the transport component of a Multi Area Agreement (MAA) for Transport and Skills in the Leeds City Region (LCR).

Members were advised that following detailed negotiations with the DfT and Department for Communities and Local Government (CLG), the MAA had been signed off by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government. It was reported that the Government had accepted a number of 'asks' that the Leeds City Region had requested which indicated the Government's willingness to provide some of the tools that would assist in the delivery of the Transport Vision. Details of the 'asks' were highlighted in paragraph 2.2 of the submitted report. It was noted that a work programme would be prepared and the ongoing work would be aligned with the outcomes that emerged from the Leeds City Region transport governance review and the refresh of the Transport Vision.

RESOLVED - That the agreed transport 'asks' be noted.

6. REGIONAL SPATIAL STRATEGY – HOUSING GROWTH CONSULTATION

The Steering Group considered a report which provided an update on the housing growth consultation within the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS).

It was reported that the RSS had to be updated to incorporate the housing figures included in the Housing Green Paper and members were advised of the process for the Update. The Yorkshire and Humber Assembly (YHA) were consulting on a draft project plan for the update and had issued a Call for Evidence asking stakeholders for their strategic ideas on how growth could best be accommodated in different parts of the region.

Members considered the draft response to the consultation which was set out in the submitted report and acknowledged the importance of West Yorkshire LTP Partners being fully involved in the development of the policy. The Steering Group stressed that the proposed response should include their comments and concerns regarding existing and future infrastructure requirements and it was noted that the deadline for responses was 11 July 2008.

RESOLVED -

- (a)** That the report be noted.
- (b)** That the proposed response be submitted to the Yorkshire & Humber Assembly by 11 July 2008.

7. TRANSPORT GOVERNANCE REVIEW

The Steering Group considered a report which provided an update on the progress being made in carrying out a detailed review of transport governance across the Leeds City Region. Ms Helene Vergereau of Atkins Consultants attended the meeting and gave a presentation as part of the Stage III engagement round to consider a range of governance options for West Yorkshire and the Leeds City Region (LCR).

It was reported that six governance models had been developed for discussion from the Stage II feedback. The Steering Group discussed the options and the impact the various governance models would have on the LTP process. It was noted that the final Atkins engagement session with the Steering Group would be held at the meeting scheduled for 18 September 2008.

It was expected that the review would be completed during October 2008 and a preferred governance model(s) would be presented to the LCR Leaders Board for consideration in the Autumn.

RESOLVED -

- (a)** That the report and presentation be received.
- (b)** That a final engagement session with Atkins be held on Thursday 18 September 2008.