

AGENDA ITEM NO: 5b

AT A MEETING OF THE LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN STEERING GROUP HELD AT WELLINGTON HOUSE, LEEDS ON WEDNESDAY 20 JANUARY 2010

PRESENT: Councillor C Greaves (Chair)

Councillor A Hawkesworth	-	Bradford MC
Councillor K Watson	-	Calderdale MC
Councillor S Andrew	-	Leeds CC
Councillor D Dagger	-	Wakefield MDC
Councillor R Downes	-	WYITA
Councillor S Khan	-	WYITA
Councillor R Pearson	-	WYITA

Officers in Attendance:	J Grint	-	Bradford MC
	N Pickles	-	Calderdale MC
	S Taylor	-	Kirklees MC
	D Cherry	-	Leeds CC
	D Gilson	-	Leeds CC
	D Hoggarth	-	Metro
	J English	-	Metro
	A Chymera	-	LTP3 Team
	N Holdsworth	-	LTP3 Team
	H Standing	-	LTP3 Team
	R Chaplin	-	WYITA

24. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Y Crewe (WYITA) and P McBride (Kirklees) and J Blackburn (Bradford).

25. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

26. MINUTES

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 November 2009 be approved.

27. LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN ALLOCATIONS FOR 2010/11

The Steering Group considered a report which sought endorsement for the 2010/11 allocations for:

- LTP Integrated Transport (IT) Block
- LTP Maintenance Block (including detrunked roads).

With regard to the LTP Integrated Transport Block, it was noted that the proposed percentage split for 2010/11 was the same as that approved by the AWYA Leaders for 2009/10. The proposed allocation was detailed in Table 1 of the submitted report.

The 2010/11 allocation for the LTP Maintenance Block was shown in Table 2. The allocation had been divided between the five District Councils in accordance with the DfT maintenance formula previously endorsed.

A report would be prepared for a future meeting of the Group on the allocation of the specific Road Safety Grant for 2010/11.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the Integrated Transport and Maintenance Block allocations for 2010/11 as set out in section 2 be endorsed and approval sought from AWYA District Leaders.
- (b) That subject to approval from AWYA, the Government Office for Yorkshire and Humber be advised of the 2010/11 Integrated Transport and Maintenance Block allocations.

28. LTP2 AIR QUALITY UPDATE

The Steering Group considered a report which provided an update of progress towards the delivery of the LTP2 Air Quality Shared Priority.

It was noted that a comprehensive air quality monitoring and modelling programme was in place throughout West Yorkshire to assess local air quality. It was reported that all three LTP2 targets were on track and the most recent data was summarised in the submitted report.

Concern was expressed regarding the setting of air quality targets based on concentrations of pollutants. This was because local weather conditions could mask any improvements achieved from reduced vehicle emissions. It was reported that a meeting had been hosted by the West Yorkshire Transport Emissions Group (WYTEG) to discuss compliance with the EU Directive for NO₂. DEFRA were concerned that this Directive would not be achieved in some areas of West Yorkshire by 2015 and it was agreed that a letter be sent from the Chair of the Steering Group to the Department for

Transport and DEFRA endorsing the ideas supplied by WYTEG for measures to help achieve compliance with the Directive and for the DfT to provide a response. It was also agreed that the letter should also urge the DfT to consider financial support in West Yorkshire for the delivery of a bio methane refuelling infrastructure approach to emission standards.

The Steering Group discussed the air quality implications of motorways and members stressed the importance of joint working with the Highways Agency in order to address areas of concern. It was agreed that a letter be sent from the Chair of the Steering Group to the Highways Agency to emphasise the need for joint working and expressing the Steering Group's concerns and air quality on the motorway corridors.

Members were advised that Leeds City Council and the City of York Council had been successful in a joint bid for funding of £20,000 from the Low Emission Strategy Development Programme Regional Groups Initiative. This would allow for working partnerships to be established to disseminate good practice in delivering a range of low emission strategies across the Leeds City Region.

It was noted that Metro were partners in the Interreg CARE North European project and this, together for the Transport for Leeds work, would aid dissemination of improved emissions modelling techniques for West Yorkshire. Within this project, Leeds had been offered £10,000 to act as a Technical Adviser to support Low Emission Zone developments for the Robert Gordon University in Aberdeen.

RESOLVED -

- (a)** That progress on delivering the LTP2 Air Quality Shared Priority be noted.
- (b)** That letters be sent to the Department for Transport and DEFRA regarding the EU Directive for emission standards.
- (c)** That a letter be sent to the Highways Agency regarding the air quality implications of motorways.

29. WYLTP3 PROGRESS REPORT

The Steering Group considered a report which provided an update on the preparation of WYLTP3 covering:

- Progress since the meeting of the Steering Group held in November 2009
- Development activities to February 2010
- Communications activities to February 2010
- LTP2 Review/LTP3 Preview

- Proposed discussion on LTP3 Challenges

Members noted the key development and communications activities in relation to the preparation of LTP3 which were detailed in the submitted report.

It was also reported that Government Office for Yorkshire and the Humber (GOYH) had conducted a review of the progress of LTP2 with the WYLTP partners and the partners had also presented their approach to the preparation of LTP3. In this respect, it was reported that GOYH welcomed the commitment involved in the engagement strategy and were pleased with the fact that LTP3 would draw from the Leeds City Region Transport Strategy and the DaSTS Connectivity Study.

In view of the anticipated reduction in funding for LTP3, members were asked to consider how LTP3 should address and prioritise the national transport goals and challenges.

The Steering Group received a short presentation and discussed the key challenges and list of national transport goals. It was acknowledged that it would not be possible to prioritise everything, but members considered that it was important to focus on the promotion of the economy reducing lost productive time and the provision of sustainable housing. The importance of connecting neighbourhoods was also discussed. Comment was made that several goals and challenges were the responsibility of other bodies, such as the police and health authorities.

It was suggested that partnership approaches be investigated for some challenges such as 'Active Travel', as this supported walking and cycling and links with the health agenda. Members asked for further information regarding the safety target and asked for a breakdown by type of accidents.

Members were advised that the priority challenges would be amended to incorporate their views and be presented to a future meeting of the Steering Group.

RESOLVED -

- (a) That the progress on development WYLTP3 be noted.
- (b) That the forthcoming activities for WYLTP3 preparation be endorsed.
- (c) That members' views in respect of the goals and challenges for WYLTP3 be noted.