

AGENDA ITEM No: 8(a)

WEST YORKSHIRE PASSENGER TRANSPORT AUTHORITY

AT A MEETING OF THE TENDERED SERVICES WORKING GROUP HELD IN WELLINGTON HOUSE ON WEDNESDAY 9 JULY 2008

PRESENT: Councillor T Brice (Chair)

Councillors E Firth, G Phelps, A Pinnock and M Walker

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor G Wainwright.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

3. CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair welcomed Councillor Firth to his first meeting and welcomed back Councillor Pinnock, who had previously been the Chair of the committee.

4. MINUTES

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting held on 2 June 2008 be approved.

5. RYBURN VALLEY TAXIBUS SERVICES

The Working Group considered a report of the Passenger Transport Executive on the withdrawal of taxibus services operating in the Ryburn Valley.

It was reported that Ryburn Taxibus Service Ltd had ceased operation on the 9 June 2008 without giving Metro prior notice. The company have now been advised that they were in breach of their contract and that outstanding payments would be withheld by Metro subject to contractual issues being resolved.

Prior to the withdrawal of the service usage levels had been assessed. Patronage was very low and it was planned to recommend that no steps be taken for the service to be continued when funding ended in July 2008.

RESOLVED -

(a) That the early withdrawal of the taxibus services be noted.

(b) That no steps be taken to reinstate the service.

6. BATCH 451 - TENDERED SCHOOL TAXI CONTRACTS - CALDERDALE DISTRICT

The Working Group considered a report of the Passenger Transport Executive on the results of tenders received in Batch 451 for the provision of school taxi and minibus services in the Calderdale district, administered by Metro on behalf of Calderdale LEA, as part of the Education Transport Agency Agreement.

It was noted that the proposed awards were within budget forecasts.

RESOLVED - That the awards, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the submitted report, be noted as being consistent with the Authority's policy for the provision of education transport facilities.

7. BATCH 453 - TENDERED SCHOOLS TAXI AND MINIBUS SERVICES - WAKEFIELD 2008/2009

The Working Group considered a report of the Passenger Transport Executive on the results of tenders received in Batch 453 for the provision of schools taxi and minibus services in the Wakefield district, administered by Metro on behalf of Wakefield LEA, as part of the Education Transport Agency Agreement.

It was noted that the proposed awards were within budget forecasts.

RESOLVED - That the award of tenders, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the submitted report, be noted as being consistent with the Authority's policy for the provision of education transport facilities.

8. EDUCATION TRANSPORT DE MINIMIS/EMERGENCY AWARDS AND CONTRACT VARIATIONS - SPRING TERM 2008

The Working Group considered a report of the Passenger Transport Executive on the award of de minimis/emergency contracts together with variations to ongoing contracts for the period 2 January to 21 March 2008.

RESOLVED - That the award of contracts and variations to contracts, as detailed in the submitted report, be noted as being consistent with the Authority's policy for the provision of education transport facilities.

9. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Working Group considered a recommendation to exclude the press and public from Agenda Item 9, which contained exempt information defined in Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12a Local Government Act 1972.

RESOLVED - It was agreed that because disclosure of the report might prejudice future negotiations due to commercial confidentiality of tender prices, the public would be better served by maintaining the exempt information and, therefore, the press and public be now excluded.

***10. TENDERED SCHOOLS SERVICES BATCHES 449 AND 450 - BRADFORD DISTRICT**

The Working Group considered a report of the Passenger Transport Executive on the results of tenders received in Batch 449 and 450 for the provision of schools services in the Bradford district, administered by Metro on behalf of Bradford LEA, as part of the Education Transport Agency Agreement.

RESOLVED - That the award of contracts, as detailed in the submitted report, be noted as being consistent with the Authority's policy for the provision of education transport facilities.