

## **AGENDA ITEM NO: 16b**

### **AT A MEETING OF THE LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN STEERING GROUP HELD AT WELLINGTON HOUSE, LEEDS ON THURSDAY 25 MAY 2006**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor J S King (Chairman)	
Councillor A Hawkesworth	- Bradford MDC
Councillor K Watson	- Calderdale MBC
Councillor M Bolt	- Kirklees MC
Councillor S Andrew	- Leeds CC
Councillor P Dobson	- Wakefield MDC
Councillor P McBride	- WYPTA

**Officers in Attendance:**

C Hughes	- Bradford MDC
D Holdstock	- Calderdale MBC
J English	- Kirklees MC
D Gilson	- Leeds CC
A Spittlehouse	- Wakefield MDC
J Henkel	- Metro
R Chaplin	- WYPTA

#### **36. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor R Taylor (Calderdale).

#### **37. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

#### **38. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** - That the minutes of the meeting held on 27 April 2006 be accepted as a true record.

#### **39. TRANSPORT INNOVATION FUND BID DEVELOPMENT**

The Steering Group considered a report of the West Yorkshire Local Transport Plan Partnership which provided an update on the work of the Congestion Partnership including the development of a Transport Innovation Fund (TIF) pump priming bid.

It was reported that there had been a high level of attendance at a meeting of the Congestion Partnership and members were informed that a negotiating team had been established to undertake the bid development work programme with the Government Office, Department for Transport and Highways Agency. A further meeting of the Partnership would be held in July and full details of the bid would be brought to the next meeting of the Steering Group prior to reporting to Leaders.

**RESOLVED -**

- (a) That work on the development of the TIF pump priming bid be noted.
- (b) That details of the proposed pump priming TIF bid be considered at the next meeting of the Steering Group.

**40. URBAN CONGESTION TARGET**

The Steering Group considered a report of the West Yorkshire Local Transport Plan Partnership which provided an update on the progress towards the development of an urban congestion target for West Yorkshire. The report also sought endorsement of the final target for submission to the Department for Transport (DfT).

It was noted that a provisional target had been submitted to the DfT and Members were advised of the submission timetable set by them. The DfT had requested submission of the amended target by 2 June 2006 with final confirmation by 30 June 2006 after formal approval by the West Yorkshire authorities.

The Steering Group considered the congestion targets set out in the report and members expressed their concern regarding the additional effect of future developments along the 13 routes surveyed. They requested that further work be carried out to refine the targets and take fuller account of draft quality and anticipated land use changes. It was agreed that the DfT be asked to defer the submission date for the amended target to mid June and that the revised target then be agreed by each Authority prior to its final confirmation by 30 June 2006.

**RESOLVED -**

- (a) That the DfT be advised that the timescale for setting a congestion target by 2 June 2006 was unachievable in view of their late supply of information.
- (b) That a revised target, taking more account of data quality and anticipated land use changes in the proximity of the thirteen routes, be prepared for approval through the processes adopted by each partner authority.

**41. PROPOSED CHANGES TO MAJOR SCHEME APPRAISAL AND FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS**

The Steering Group considered a report of the West Yorkshire Local Transport Plan Partnership on the main implications of the DfT's proposals in two consultation documents on "Changes to the Policy on Funding Major Projects" and "Guidance to Local Authorities Seeking DfT Funding for Major Schemes".

Members were advised of the key issues, and considered the main points of concern regarding the consultation documents. The Steering Group supported the detailed responses to be submitted to the DfT on behalf of the West Yorkshire LTP Partnership which were attached to the report.

**RESOLVED -**

- (a)** That the report be noted with concern.
- (b)** That the issues set out in the report and members' views form the basis for the response to the DfT from the West Yorkshire LTP Partnership.