

AGENDA ITEM NO: 22(b)

AT A MEETING OF THE LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN STEERING GROUP HELD AT WELLINGTON HOUSE, LEEDS ON MONDAY 14 JUNE 2010

PRESENT: Councillor C Greaves (Chair)

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| Councillor A Hawkesworth | - | Bradford MC |
| Councillor B Collins | - | Calderdale MC |
| Councillor P McBride | - | Kirklees MC |
| Councillor R Downes | - | WYITA |
| Councillor Y Crewe | - | WYITA |
| Councillor R Pearson | - | WYITA |

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| Officers in Attendance: | S Thornton | - | Bradford MC |
| | N Pickles | - | Calderdale MC |
| | R Hadfield | - | Kirklees MC |
| | D Gilson | - | Leeds CC |
| | K Bloomfield | - | Wakefield MDC |
| | J English | - | Metro |
| | A Chymera | - | LTP3 Team |
| | H Standing | - | LTP3 Team |
| | J Bennett | - | LTP3 Team |
| | R Chaplin | - | WYITA |

45. CHAIR'S COMMENTS

The Chair advised members that in view of the uncertainty regarding future funding provision following the recent Government announcements, some of the recommendations made in the reports for consideration would have to be deferred. A meeting would be arranged for July 2010 when further details regarding the implications for West Yorkshire would be available.

46. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D Jeffery (Wakefield).

47. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

48. MINUTES

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting held on 19 April 2010 be approved.

49. WEST YORKSHIRE LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 3 (WYLTP3) PROGRESS

The Steering Group considered a progress report on the preparation of WYLTP3.

Members received a presentation which provided an introduction to WYLTP3 and outlined the process for its preparation.

The structure and content of the Strategy, Implementation Plans and the revised WYLTP3 objectives were discussed and it was suggested that the wording for the safety objective be amended. It was acknowledged that delivery of LTP3 would be difficult in view of the uncertainty regarding future partnership funding and it was essential that the objectives were deliverable. It would also be necessary to consider different options and investment scenarios to identify how the objectives would be met.

It was noted that final approval of the full WYLTP3 would be sought from the WYITA at the end of the year and a progress report would be prepared for the next meeting

RESOLVED –

- (a)** That progress on developing the Local Transport Plan be noted.
- (b)** That the process for preparing, and the proposed shape of WYLTP3 be agreed.
- (c)** That the wording of the safety objective be amended as discussed.
- (d)** That the next stages in the preparation of WYLTP3 be endorsed.
- (e)** That a progress report be prepared for the next meeting.

50. LTP CONGESTION PERFORMANCE FUND PROGRAMME TRANCHE 3

The Steering Group considered a report on the allocations to fund proposals from the Congestion Performance Fund (Tranche 3).

It was noted that the Steering Group had previously agreed a framework for the use of Tranche 3 funds following a peer review of delivery of the current Tranche 2 of the Congestion Performance Fund (CPF).

Members discussed the proposed CPF programme for 2010/11 – 2011/2012. It was agreed that in view of the uncertainty regarding future funding no further spending commitments for the CPF were to be made at the present time. It was noted that the latest information was that the CPF would be reduced by approximately £1m although further advice on the timing of this cut was expected from the Department for Transport in the near future and a report would be prepared for the next meeting.

RESOLVED -

- (a) That no further spending commitments for the CPF be made at the present time.
- (b) That a report be prepared for the next meeting.

51. LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN (LTP2) PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

The Steering Group considered a report on financial progress in relation to the Congestion Performance Fund Programme 2009/10 and the West Yorkshire Strategic Programme of Schemes 2009/10 for the period up to 31 March 2010.

Members noted the Quarter 4 claims for payments by each of the WYLTP partners for the Congestion Performance Fund Programme 2009/10 and for the West Yorkshire Strategic Programme of Schemes (WYSPS) 2009/10 which were outlined in the submitted report.

With regard to the WYSPS, it was noted that there was now an urgent need to re-evaluate and re-prioritise schemes going forward and no further spending commitments would be made until the reassessment had been completed. A report would be prepared for the next meeting.

RESOLVED -

- (a) That the payments for the fourth quarter of 2009/10 from the Congestion Performance Fund and the West Yorkshire Strategic Programme of Schemes fund be approved.
- (b) That no further spending commitments for the CPF and WYSPS be made at the present time.
- (c) That a report be prepared for the next meeting.

52. ROAD SAFETY GRANT

The Steering Group considered a report on the implications for road safety activities should the Road Safety Grant be withdrawn.

It was noted that the Road Safety Grant was a three year grant which had been allocated for the establishment and operation of the safety camera partnerships. However in view of the recent Government announcements, the grant was likely to be withdrawn in March 2011 and road safety funding would then have to be accommodated within other areas.

Members discussed the implications for West Yorkshire and considered a draft letter to the Department for Transport which had been prepared on behalf of the Steering Group. It was agreed that the letter be amended to reflect members' views and brought back to the next meeting for further consideration.

RESOLVED -

- (a)** That the implications to safer roads activities and road safety in West Yorkshire be recognised should the Road Safety Grant be withdrawn.
- (b)** That the draft letter be amended to reflect members' views and be reconsidered at the next meeting.
- (c)** That further reports be prepared for the Steering Group and Association of West Yorkshire Authorities when more details are known about funding.

53. NEW POLICY DOCUMENT FOR PLANNING OBLIGATIONS - CONSULTATION

The Steering Group considered a report which provided details of the Department for Communities and Local Government (CLG) consultation on 'New Policy Document for Planning Obligations'.

Members noted that the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) regulations were introduced in April 2010 and the consultation paper set out proposals for changes to the remainder of the planning system in relation to planning obligations (Section 106 agreements).

It was reported that the consultation paper had been issued by the previous Government but CLG had advised that they were still seeking views on the proposals by 21 June 2010, details of which were attached at Appendix 1 to the submitted report. Members discussed the proposed changes and considered a draft response to the consultation which was attached at Appendix 2. It was noted that the consultation did provide clarity on the use of CIL and planning obligations. However, the implications of the changes could have a negative impact on the ability of the WYLTP Partners to secure

developer contributions for infrastructure schemes if a CIL scheme was not adopted by local planning authorities in West Yorkshire before 6 April 2014. It was therefore proposed to amend the consultation response to include a reference to request transitional arrangements for local planning authorities that do not have a CIL scheme in place by April 2014 and that a joint approach to the CIL scheme be progressed by the West Yorkshire Partnership.

RESOLVED -

- (a) That the report be noted.
- (b) That, subject to comments made at the meeting, the consultation response provided in Appendix 2 be submitted to CLG by 21 June 2010.
- (c) That a joint approach to the CIL scheme be progressed by the West Yorkshire Partnership.

54. URBAN CHALLENGE FUND – CONSULTATION SUBMISSION

The Steering Group considered a report on the submission by the West Yorkshire LTP Partnership to the Department for Transport (DfT) consultation regarding a proposed Urban Challenge Fund.

It was reported that a joint West Yorkshire response to the consultation had been submitted to the DfT before the 4 June 2010 deadline and a copy was attached at Appendix A to the submitted report for information. However in view of the recent announcements it was unclear whether this new Fund would be progressed and members would be advised of any proposed changes as a result of the new Government.

RESOLVED - That the report be noted.