

WEST YORKSHIRE INTEGRATED TRANSPORT AUTHORITY
AT A MEETING OF THE LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN COMMITTEE
HELD AT WELLINGTON HOUSE, LEEDS
ON THURSDAY 28 APRIL 2011

PRESENT:	Councillor R Downes (Chair)		
	Councillor P McBride	-	Kirklees MC
	Councillor R Lewis	-	Leeds CC
	Councillor C Greaves	-	WYITA
	Councillor A Hawkesworth	-	WYITA
	Councillor K Hussain	-	WYITA
	Councillor J Lewis	-	WYITA
	Councillor A Longthorn	-	WYITA
Officers in Attendance:	J Jackson	-	Bradford MDC
	S Taylor	-	Kirklees MC
	A Hall	-	Leeds CC
	K Bloomfield	-	Wakefield MDC
	D Hoggarth	-	Metro
	J English	-	Metro
	R Chaplin	-	WYITA
	M Duggleby	-	Department for Transport (for part of minute 45)

42. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Coulson (ITA) and G Khaliq (Bradford).

43. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

44. MINUTES

Further to minute 41, Endorsement of LTP3, members were provided with a copy of the LTP Summary and were asked to forward any comments to Metro by 13 May 2011. It was requested that the document also be emailed to members for ease of reference. A breakdown of the revenue support provided by each of the LTP partners was also circulated at the meeting.

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting held on 23 March 2011 be noted.

45. DEVELOPMENT OF A BID TO THE LOCAL SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT FUND

The Committee considered a report and received a presentation on the development of a bid submission to the Department for Transport's (DfT) new Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF).

Members had previously been advised of the LSTF which had been introduced by the DfT to support local sustainable travel initiatives. It was reported that Transport Authorities had been invited to submit bids for small projects and component bids up to £5m by 18 April 2011 with the bids for large projects up to £50m by 6 June 2011. In view of the 18 April 2011 deadline, a component bid, 'Getting Transport to Work' had been submitted to the DfT and a summary of the bid was attached at Appendix A.

The meeting was attended by Mark Duggleby, a representative from the DfT, who outlined the LSTF bidding strategy and clarified issues raised by members. He advised members that it was important to focus on themes which would help in constructing a bid (in particular carbon and growth), rather than the geography of the area and what the bid could do to change behaviour. It was reported that the DfT were expected to make decisions on the component bids in June 2011 which was when an Expression of Interest for the main bid was also required. Mr Duggleby was thanked for his attendance and he advised members that the DfT team based in Leeds were available to offer advice or assistance if required.

Members expressed their concern that due to the tight deadline, they had not been involved sufficiently in the development or approval of the component bid. It was reported that the ITA Executive Board had considered the bid at their meeting held on 27 April 2011, but had withheld a decision to endorse the submission until the LTP Committee had had the opportunity to discuss it.

Members took part in a workshop to consider the emerging shape of the bid and the elements that should be incorporated, strengthened or removed. It was acknowledged that there were concerns around the process surrounding the component bid and that the LTP Partnership would seek to ensure that the full bid addressed all the issues raised and tied in with Local Development Frameworks (LDFs). Members' views would be used to inform the further development of the large bid and an analysis of priorities would be prepared for the next meeting of the Committee.

RESOLVED -

- a) That the Component Bid submitted to the Department for Transport on 18 April 2011 be recommended for approval by the ITA.

- b) That a single West Yorkshire bid for a large scheme continue to be developed.
- c) That members' views be used to inform the further development of the full bid to the Local Sustainable Transport Fund.
- d) That a report including an analysis of priorities be prepared for the next meeting to consider the large bid prior to submission deadline on 6 June 2011.

46. DFT ROAD NETWORK POLICY CONSULTATION

The Committee considered a report on the DfT's consultation paper on a proposal to transfer responsibility for the classification of some roads to local authorities.

Members noted a summary of the consultation and considered the proposed draft response from the LTP Partnership which was attached at Appendix A to the submitted report. It was noted that all local authorities would also be able to respond to the consultation independently. It was reported that there was general support for the proposals but there could be an issue in relation to Maintenance Block allocations should some authorities reclassify roads to try and obtain more funding. It was noted that the DfT were aware of these issues and the concerns had been raised in the draft consultation response.

It was suggested that the draft LTP route hierarchy maps be included in the response. Members' comments would be incorporated into the draft response which had to be submitted by 2 May 2011. Depending on the outcome of the consultation, it was proposed that an exercise be undertaken within each District to check whether all roads were appropriately classified. Further reports would be prepared for the Committee if the exercise suggested the need for a number of reclassifications.

RESOLVED -

- (a) That, subject to the comments made at the meeting, the draft LTP Partnership response be endorsed for submission to the DfT.
- (b) That, following the final publication of the new proposals by the DfT, appropriate checks be carried out within each District to determine if roads are appropriately classified.