

AGENDA ITEM NO: 15

WEST YORKSHIRE PASSENGER TRANSPORT AUTHORITY

AT A MEETING OF THE BUS WORKING GROUP HELD IN WELLINGTON HOUSE, LEEDS ON THURSDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2006

PRESENT: Councillor D Congreve (Chair)

Councillors P McBride, D Schofield, C Townsley
and G Wainwright

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting held on 8 June 2006 be approved.

4. MYBUS UPDATE

The Working Group considered a report of the Passenger Transport Executive giving an update on progress on the implementation of Phase 2 and development of Phase 3 of the MyBus project.

Members noted progress regarding the implementation of the second phase of the project. It was reported that 66 new low floor vehicles had been purchased and all would be in operation by January 2007. Initial feedback from customers and operators had been very positive and a monitoring report would be submitted to the DfT in Autumn 2006. The report would evaluate the success of Phase 2 and provide the DfT with feedback on the project.

It was reported that two of the three batches for Phase 3 services had been awarded and details of the schools to be served by the 41 buses awarded to date were appended to the report. The remaining 19 buses for Phase 3 would be tendered as one batch later in the Autumn and the schools to be served in the remaining batch would be identified according to the criteria outlined in the report.

RESOLVED - That the report be noted.

5. RELIABILITY AND PUNCTUALITY OF BUS SERVICES

The Working Group considered a report of the Passenger Transport Executive on the current levels of bus service punctuality and reliability and on the progress in establishing Performance Improvement Partnerships (PIPS) with bus operators.

It was reported that since January, the realtime information system had been used to monitor punctuality which provided a much larger sample of the major bus operators' services whose buses were equipped with real time equipment. To complement the data, manual monitoring was also undertaken to assist in monitoring tendered services and to assess the performance of smaller operators not equipped with real time. It was also reported that the real time monitoring tools were still in development and the measurement of early running was not yet fully operational.

The Working Group were given a presentation on progress to date with regard to Performance Improvement Partnerships. It was reported that meetings had been held with the operators and that agreed targets had been established to achieve incremental improvements in reliability/punctuality proposed year on year towards the objectives of 99.5% and 95% respectively. Joint action plans with SMART (specific, measurable, achievable, relevant and timely) were being developed.

The Working Group were also informed that quarterly partnership meetings would be held and an Annual Report would be produced.

RESOLVED -

- (a)** That the report be noted.
- (b)** That a further report on targets and action plans agreed by Performance Improvement Partnerships be considered at a future meeting of the Working Group.