

SOUTH YORKSHIRE INTEGRATED TRANSPORT AUTHORITY

04 JULY 2013

PRESENT: Councillor M Jameson (Chair)
Councillors: L Bramall, I Auckland, J Dunn, B Johnson, A Jones, G Kyte,
D Nevett, R Russell and G Smith

H Brier, M McCarthy, S Pick and M McCoole (South Yorkshire Joint Secretariat)

T Belshaw, N Chadwick, J Smart, D Young, B Still and J Hurley (South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive)

P Bray (Barnsley MBC), T Finnegan-Smith (Rotherham MBC) and S King (Doncaster MBC)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors:
D Leech and T Rippon

1 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were noted as above.

2 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chair gave thanks on behalf of the Authority, to N Chadwick, for his contributions during his time working at the PTE, and wished him well for the future.

T Belshaw informed Members that Mr N Baker MP, Transport Minister, had visited Sheffield on 19 June 2013. Mr Baker visited Meadowhall South to sign the order for the four tram train vehicles which had been ordered from the Spanish firm Vossloh, together with three conventional trams which would add capacity to the existing system; the pilot scheme would run for two years from 2016. Mr Baker also unveiled a plaque to officially open the new Dore and Topley Park and Ride facility.

On 8 July 2013 Trans Pennine and Northern would start to revert to normal timetables at the area affected by the Hatfield landslip. The Hull Service would continue to be diverted via Selby for a while longer. Customers were advised to view timetables for precise timings via Travel South Yorkshire, Trans Pennine or Northern websites. The new fully accessible footbridge at Thorne South would be fully operational in time for the services to resume.

Work would commence on 8 July 2013 for a new Park and Ride facility at Elsecar. This would be a 20 week programme, due to open in early December 2013, consisting of an 83 space facility, with a new access ramp into the station. Services would be unaffected during the works. Park and ride would cost £½m, funded by LSTF.

The PTE, Northern, Network Rail and DfT had been highly commended by the Railway Industry Innovation Awards, for cross industry partnership on tram trains.

D Young commented that Dore and Topley Station Park and Ride had been LTP and DfT funded. In answer to a question from Councillor Dunn, Members noted the five

projects listed within agenda item 11 '2012/13 Outturn Report' had depended on European funding. A total of £19.7m had been received towards those projects. There had been a high level of dependency of European investment in all four districts. Following a recent Government announcement it was disappointingly expected that up to 55% of European investment would be lost, and would go to Scotland, Ireland and Wales. Councillor Bramall referred to a Notice of Motion at Sheffield CC yesterday, which highlighted the problems raised for the region. Councillor Bramall added that given the impact of the PTE and ITA programme, it was incumbent on local authorities and the PTE to write to officially add a voice to a unanimous picture to the Government, that this was unfair, and with no justification. Members agreed that the Chair would write on behalf of the Authority.

Matthew Turner presented the following question to the Authority:-

'I am a resident of Sheffield, and I have come along to the meeting to ask about funding opportunities to encourage people to cycle within South Yorkshire and specifically the Cycle City Ambition Grant. I would like to know why no bid was submitted from ITA for money from the DfT Cycle City Ambition Grant. I am wondering if I should assume that all funding to implement the South Yorkshire Cycle Action Plan from 2011 has been sourced and if we are on track to hit ideal outcomes from that document. The Cycle City Ambition Grants were launched because Manchester wrote a speculative plan, and asked the DfT for funds to implement it. They are likely to be awarded £20m over two years to fund significant investment into the infrastructure necessary and to encourage people to cycle within their region. How can we in South Yorkshire get to a stage where we are as proactive as this and actively seek funding to encourage people to cycle to improve the health, wealth and happiness of the residents of our region?'

T Finnegan-Smith commented that it had been difficult to reach the decision not to submit a bid. Officers across the partnership had gathered potential projects and supporting evidence, but had concluded they did not meet the clear criteria set by the DfT. At the same time the DfT had presented a sister grant for cycling in the National Park, which included the Langsett Link, within the Peak District National Park bid; the bids had to be submitted by the end of April 2013. The timescales to respond were fully constrained by the districts, and it was considered that to submit a weak bid could potentially harm the position within the DfT. Not all of the funding was available to deliver the actions within the action plan. The plan had played an important role in forming the successful LSTF bid, which secured some £27m of funding for a range of schemes, with approximately £8½m for cycling initiatives, capital investments on networks and training packages.

Senior transport officers across South Yorkshire had since started to review how collective resources could be used to support cycling, walking and other smarter choices initiatives. A key outcome from the review was how to update and further deliver the action plan, to better co-ordinate activity and align to future projects, and look at funding opportunities. Part of the work was aligned to the Tour De France legacy work, which would shortly commence, and sub-regional meetings had recently been held regarding the matter. Members were disappointed that authorities had not been in a position to submit a bid, and expressed concern to how the government announce such funds in such a short term way.

The Chair thanked Matthew Turner for attending the meeting; T Finnegan-Smith would co-ordinate a written response to him, on behalf of the partnership.

3 URGENT ITEMS

None.

4 ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED – That all agenda items be considered in the presence of the public and press.

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS IN RELATION TO ANY ITEM OF BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA

None.

6 REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Councillor Smith referred to the No. 27 Rotherham bus service, which had broken down on 1 June 2013. A large number of people had been queuing in the bus station for the 1.20pm service, but had not been informed the bus had broken down. Councillor Smith added that in order to keep the service on time, First Group proposed to remove five buses daily from the service, from the largest housing estate. D Young had been in dialogue with First Group's management regarding the issue, and he would continue to raise concerns.

Councillor Jones referred to the No. 224 Doncaster bus service, which had been replaced with the No. 219 bus service, and no longer travelled through Cadeby. D Young commented that the PTE had identified the need for a bus service through Cadeby, and would buy back a service through the tendered bus service, to run two days per week, with four return trips per week. Community transport was still available for people dependent on door to door services, and a school bus service continued to operate through the village. Members were disappointed that the community of Cadeby were not fully supported, but noted the budget constraints.

Councillor Bramall referred to the Consultations Bus Partnership Agreement on the next change period in October 2013, and sought re-assurance that if major changes were planned, there would be consultation before such changes were implemented. D Young commented that there would be community engagement through ward members or even wider community consultation, decisions on the consultation scale would be made on a service by service basis.

Councillor Auckland had been in correspondence with D Young regarding bus idling. Constituents in his area were still reporting problems, mainly with Stagecoach buses. Councillor Auckland had received a recent letter of complaint on the issue, and he requested an update report on the problem, and the level of complaints being received. D Young was disappointed that there were still on-going problems, and requested the letter of complaint be sent onto him. D Young suggested inviting

Stagecoach to a future Authority meeting, to talk about what the company was doing to address the issue.

Councillor Nevett commented he had seen a high volume of exhaust smoke coming out of the Stagecoach No. 219 bus service on Barnsley Road, and asked how people should report such issues. D Young commented that the location of bus was needed, together with the long number on the rear of the bus, and the problem could be reported directly to the bus operator or to the PTE via the website, or by telephoning 01709 515151.

Councillor Russell commented that it was important to ensure an update was received on the quality of buses and recommended when the Euro 3 buses were implemented a report be brought to the Authority to ensure good quality buses were operating in the community. D Young would bring a report on the bus engine profile and recent investment to a subsequent Authority meeting.

7 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON 6 JUNE 2013

An amendment to the minutes was requested, to indicate that Councillor Leech was the Vice Chairman of the Passenger Transport Pension Fund Committee.

RESOLVED – That subject to the above amendment, the minutes of the Annual Authority Meeting held on 6 June 2013 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

8 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON 6 JUNE 2013

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Authority held on 6 June 2013 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

9 TRAVELMASTER SUMMER TICKET AND SUPERTRAM CHILD TICKET TRIALS

A report of the Passenger Transport Executive was submitted to seek approval to include a pilot of the young people's £2 day ticket and Supertram weekly product within the South Yorkshire Travel Concession Scheme, and reimburse operators via TravelMaster.

Councillor Kyte requested a full comprehensive report at the end of the trial, to identify what improvements could be made to young people's travel. Members agreed it would be advantageous if the trial was rolled out countywide. J Smart commented an agreement had been made with TravelMaster to work with them, on how to bring the initiative forwards across the county.

J Smart reported that work had been undertaken by the PTE on young people's fares, and a report would be brought back to the Authority. Marketing of the trial would be undertaken by the External Relations Team who would implement on-bus signage and contact schools directly.

RESOLVED – That the Authority:-

- i) Approved the payment of revenue forgone to the relevant operators in connection with the pilot schemes detailed in the report at paragraphs 3.6 and 3.7, under the South Yorkshire Travel Concession Scheme.
- ii) Agreed that a full comprehensive report be brought to the Authority at the end of the trial, to identify what measures could improve young people's travel, including promotion, incentives, an update on the TravelMaster range across the county, and to report back on the work undertaken by the PTE on young people's fares.

10 ITA BUDGET MONITORING REPORT FOR THE 2 MONTHS ENDING 31 MAY 2013

A report of the Clerk and Treasurer was submitted which reported on the ITA and SYPTE 2013/14 Actual Revenue expenditure reports as at 31 May 2013 compared to the budget.

RESOLVED – That the ITA Revenue Budget monitoring report and SYPTE Revenue Budget monitoring report as at 31 May 2013 be noted.

11 2012/13 OUTTURN REPORT

A report of the Passenger Transport Executive was submitted which provided details of the outturn figures for spend in 2012/13 on the SYPTE Capital Programme and other funding programmes, together with summarising the main events and progress on the programmes during the year, and lessons to learn for the future.

Councillor Kyte expressed concern that all projects in Sheffield were delayed by the introduction of the PFI contract, which could have implications to other districts. Councillor Bramall reported that the PFI delivery had been fine so far. It was the biggest scheme of its time in Britain, and a changeover would always lead to some disruption. It would result in a massive change to how the councils operated, and lead to delays in capital delivery, which was being addressed.

T Finnegan-Smith reminded Members that there would be a review by officers during the summer, regarding the underspend and profile, to look at the mid-term review of delivery. A report would be brought to the October 2013 Authority meeting, to set out issues of deliverability, and recommend that funding may have to be moved from one project to another project. Difficult decisions may need to be made around traditional equitable share.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

12 ITA TRANSPORT STRATEGY PROGRESS REPORT - JULY 2013

A report of the Passenger Transport Executive was submitted to provide an update on progress of the Sheffield City Region Transport Strategy and on the performance of transport in the region.

Councillor Kyte queried which two rail stations in South Yorkshire were expected to be included in the new Bike & Go Cycle Hire Project, and how this had been decided. The PTE would report back.

Councillor Bramall commented that there was significant investment for cycle infrastructure; and made reference to plus bike proposals for Sheffield Midland Station, as he understood there to be delays with discussions with East Midland Train side. D Young reported that J Bann would write a letter to the Minister on behalf of the DfT, to press him on providing clarity on the scheme. The blockage between the DfT and East Midlands Trains was hoped to be resolved by engaging with the Minister and East Midlands Trains. Members agreed that the letter be redrafted to allow it to be signed by Councillor Bramall.

RESOLVED – That the Authority:-

- i) Noted the progress made to date and the outlook for the SCR Transport Strategy.
- ii) Agreed to receive annual updates of the report.
- iii) A letter from the DfT to the Minister regarding clarity on the plus bike proposals to be re-drafted, to allow it to be signed by Councillor Bramall.

13 MINUTES OF THE SOUTH YORKSHIRE PASSENGER TRANSPORT PENSION FUND COMMITTEE HELD ON 6 JUNE 2013

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting of the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Pension Fund Committee held on 6 June 2013 be noted.

CHAIR