

TRANSPORT FOR TEES VALLEY

**Meeting held in the Ward Room, Castlegate Quay Watersports Centre,
Stockton**

at 2.00pm on Tuesday 16 October 2007

ATTENDEES

Councillor Bob Cook	Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (SBC)	Chair
Councillor David Lyonette	Darlington Borough Council (DBC)	Vice Chair
Councillor Peter Jackson	Hartlepool Borough Council (HBC)	
Councillor Ron Lowes	Middlesbrough Council (MC)	
Councillor David Budd	MC	
John Buxton (JB)	DBC	
Alastair Smith (AS)	HBC	
Ian Parker (IP)	MC	
Simon Dale (SDa)	Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council (RCBC)	
Mike Robinson (MR)	SBC	
Barrie Mason (BM)	North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC)	
Adrian White (AW)	Durham County Council (DCC)	
Simon Dove (SDo)	One NorthEast (ONE)	
Penny Marshall (PM)	Government Office North East (GONE)	
Steve Spink (SS)	Highways Agency (HA)	
Richard Whitehouse (RW)	Durham Tees Valley Airport (DTVA)	
Liz Esnouf (LE)	Arriva North East	
Robin Knight (RK)	Stagecoach North East	
Nigel Astell (NA)	Tees Valley Regeneration	
Jonathan Spruce (JS)	Tees Valley Joint Strategy Unit (JSU)	

APOLOGIES

Councillor Mary Lanigan	RCBC
Dave Stubbs	HBC
Burney Johnson	DCC
Tom Warburton	ONE
Andrew Johnson	GONE
Malcolm Bowes	North East Assembly (NEA)
Vanessa Gilbert	HA
Nigel Cay	Network Rail (NR)
John Lowther	JSU

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1 CHAIR'S WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- 1.1 **Councillor Cook** welcomed attendees to the meeting, particularly the substitutes and those attending for the first time.

2 APOLOGIES

- 2.1 As noted previously.

3 NOTES OF THE MEETING ON 17 JULY 2007

- 3.1 The minutes were agreed as a true record.

4 MATTERS ARISING

- 4.1 **JS** introduced the report setting out the agreed work programme for the Board as developed from the Leadership Board.

- 4.2 **JS** advised the Board that Transport for Tees Valley has now been confirmed as one of eight pilot projects for the LGA's Innovation Forum and a bid for support funding had been submitted as agreed at the last meeting.

- 4.3 **JS** stated that responses to the draft City Region Transport Strategy had been received from NYCC and DTVA. Any final responses to the draft document were requested by the end of October. The JSU is to write to NYCC formally responding to their letter and starting the process of engaging in cross-boundary public transport issues.

JSU

- 4.4 **JS** confirmed that the Tees Valley Transport Monitoring Report 2007 had been completed and copies issued to all Board Members.

5 TEES VALLEY RESPONSE TO DRAFT LOCAL TRANSPORT BILL

- 5.1 **JS** presented the report for information.

- 5.2 **BM** outlined some concern with Q7 in that they would not wish to see City Regions with overlapping responsibilities in neighbouring areas. These comments were endorsed by **AW**.

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5.3 Both **RK** and **LE** expressed concern about the wording used in answer to Q1(d), particularly in view of recent data sharing agreements relating to the real time information project and the negotiations on new agreements. **LE** asked for further clarification on how the low fares specification referenced may work in practice.

5.4 **JB** pointed out that the answers to Q6 and Q12 should not infer an agreement from all partners that one body should have control over the transport network.

5.5 Resolved that the JSU prepare an amended response to take account of the concerns of the Board and submit this as part of the consultation process.

JSU

6 TEES VALLEY METRO UPDATE

6.1 **NA** introduced the report for information.

6.2 **NA** particularly emphasised the importance of the RFA review process and passed on thanks to the Local Authorities for progressing their approval to an 'in principle' funding commitment.

6.3 **LE** asked whether the business case will also consider the economic impact on existing bus services.

6.4 **SDa** asked whether there had been some slippage in the programme, and **NA** confirmed that about four months had been lost in commissioning the NR GRIP work.

6.5 Resolved that the report be noted, and that future progress reports be presented to the Board.

NA

7 TEES VALLEY BUS NETWORK IMPROVEMENTS

7.1 **LE, RK and JS** gave a joint presentation on the scope and content of the Tees Valley Bus Network Improvements major scheme.

7.2 **RW** re-iterated a comment from the North East Chamber of Commerce that there was a disappointment that some of the key future employment sites were not earmarked to have Super Core or Core routes serving them. **RK** replied that this demonstrated a need for the operators to be involved in the planning process at the earliest opportunity in relation to new developments.

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- 7.3 **SDo** expressed full support for the improvements and hopes that the Tees Valley's approach can be used as a good example of partnership working to support economic regeneration.
- 7.4 **PM** agreed that this was an exemplar project, and one that continues to present a big challenge. She further outlined a number of issues to consider in preparing the business case, including a common approach to the priority measures used, managing technology and the revenue implications, links to the new national indicator framework when assessing targets and the need to show how this helps with ongoing revenue support to the non-commercial parts of the network.
- 7.5 **MR** responded to earlier questions by stating that transport and access needs are seen as an integral part of the planning process, but that it takes a significant patronage base for the service to operate commercially.
- 7.6 **BM** stressed the need for ongoing co-ordination with NYCC in relation to access to hospitals.
- 7.7 The Board thanked those involved for the presentation and looked forward to seeing the final business case submission in the near future.

8 A66(T)/A19(T)/A174(T) AREA ACTION PLAN

- 8.1 **JS** provided a verbal update, setting out the current position with the project, and stating that there have been delays with the modelling work. **JS** confirmed that a revised work programme to completion had been agreed, and that a presentation of the study outcomes would be provided at the next Board meeting.

JS

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 9.1 None noted.

10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING(S)

- 10.1 • Tuesday 22 January 2008
Meeting to commence at 2pm, venue to be confirmed.
- 10.2 A programme of meetings for the 2008/09 session will be agreed at the next meeting.
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