

SHEFFIELD CITY REGION COMBINED AUTHORITY

TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

8 MAY 2017

PRESENT: Councillor R Miller (Chair)
Councillors: , D Leech, D Lelliott and G Lindars-Hammond

Officers: I Ashmore, A Beddoes, S Edwards, B Gilligan,
K Platts, T Taylor and C Tyler

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors
J Blackham, I Auckland, V Cusworth, M Gordon, A Hurst,
M Iqbal, A Mohamed, J Monks, B Mordue, D Pidwell,
A Serjeant and A Syrett

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were noted as above.

The Chair welcomed Ben Gilligan (SYPT Director of Public Transport and Tim Taylor (Director of Customer Services) to the meeting.

2 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members were informed that due to ill health, the owner of Bright Bus (the operator of a number of school transport services across the region).has decided to close the business at the end of the current academic year. PTE officers are working with the local schools affected regarding alternate arrangements for the next academic year.

The Chair asked whether this development will have any budgetary impact. It was noted c£2m is currently spent on school travel as part of the concessionary budget scheme and impacts will be dependent on what solutions are proposed.

Members were informed the capital expenditure budget has been approved for Rotherham Interchange and preparatory works are underway.

3 URGENT ITEMS

None.

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

None.

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

None.

7 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Members were advised of the receipt of a public question from Mr John Smith which was read out as follows:

"I have been told by SYPTE regarding the Supertram network that although they have put passenger information displays (PIDs) at all the tram stops they have not done so at the Meadowhall interchange because they say they cannot afford to do it. I found their reply ridiculous and I would like the committee to instruct SYPTE to install the PIDs on the Supertram platforms at Meadowhall ASAP.

The Chair instructed SYPTE officers to respond in writing to Mr Smith and circulate copies of the response for Members' information.

8 RECEIPT OF PETITIONS

Members were informed of the receipt of 2 petitions.

A 30 signature petition has been received requesting the 50/50a service be rerouted via Mill Lane (Doncaster).

A 515 signature petition has been received requesting the reinstatement of 49 service to Sprotbrough (Doncaster).

It was confirmed both will be responded to accordingly.

9 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13TH FEBRUARY 2017

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 13th February 2017 are agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting.

10 16-18 TRAVEL CONCESSION SCHEME EXTENSION

A report was received to advise Members of the approvals required to implement the budgeted change to extend travel concession to cover all 16-18 year olds (not just those in full-time education) and to extend concessions for 16 and 17 year olds to cover the August holiday period.

Members were informed all costs are manageable and within the allocated Budget.

It was noted applications for the new design passes will commence from 1 July 2017 and will be valid for up to 2 years (reducing administration time and costs).

It was confirmed the concessionary offered will be unchanged (subject to negotiations with the operators) in terms of the modes covered and the fares charged.

Cllr Lindars-Hammond welcomed the extension to the scheme and asked at whether this was brought to Members' attention during the last round of budget consultation or has arisen since? It was noted the initiative to extend the scheme has been in gestation for most of the financial year, culminating with its introduction into the formal budget setting process for 2017/18 earlier this year.

RESOLVED, that the Transport Committee endorses the change to the South Yorkshire Travel Concession Scheme to allow all young people aged 16-18 to travel for the young person's concessionary fare (currently 80 pence per journey) and the ability to purchase the appropriate value for money tickets.

11 SYLTE REVENUE BUDGET

A report was presented setting out the South Yorkshire Transport Revenue Budget for financial year 2017/18, noting this was approved by the Combined Authority on 31 January 2017.

Members were reminded the Transport Revenue Budget primarily resources the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive to deliver the South Yorkshire Transport Plan, and is resourced through a levy on the South Yorkshire Local Authorities. Whilst the budget for 2017/18 to 2019/20 meets current funders requirements the budget for 2020/21 does not and further as yet unidentified savings will be required to meet their expectations.

It was noted the transport levy of £57.483m for 2017/18 delivers a 5% saving on the 2016/17 budget. Within this, the SYLTE's costs are £61.948m and deliver a 4.6% saving on the previous year. It is noted that the transport budget is supported by use of £7.8m of reserves.

Key savings for the 2017/18 budget were noted as being a reduction in financial obligations of £0.324m, a reduction in English National Concessionary Travel Scheme payments primarily due to decline in patronage of £1.600m, a reduction in bus tendered services of £0.400m and additional operational savings primarily due to savings in rents of £0.550m

It was noted operational savings have been secured without having to reduce services to the travelling public.

As per the previous agenda item, Members were reminded the SYLTE has re-prioritised some funding to extend the current concessionary travel scheme available to 16-18 year olds in full time education to all 16-18 year olds for the 2 years after completion of their compulsory school education, thus supporting CA

objectives to increase provision for those young adults in work and undertaking apprenticeships.

The report noted concessionary travel costs have been budgeted based on the most recent patronage model, and Members were reminded a slight change to patronage can have a significant impact on the total budget due to the size of this element.

RESOLVED, that the Transport Committee are asked to note the approved 2017/18 Budget.

CHAIR