

## **CITY OF NOTTINGHAM**

### **GREATER NOTTINGHAM LIGHT RAPID TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

#### **MINUTES**

of meeting held on **10 DECEMBER 2007** at

County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham from 4.30 pm to 5.20 pm

#### **Nottinghamshire County Council**

Councillor C Baron (Chair)  
Councillor P Lally  
Councillor S Smedley

#### **Nottingham City Council**

Councillor C Arnold  
Councillor G Davie  
Councillor H James  
Councillor I Malcolm  
Councillor T Sutton

#### **Independent Representatives**

Mr S Abbott - Travel Watch East Midlands  
Mrs B Morgan - Nottinghamshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry  
Mr C Roy - Nottingham Trent University  
Mr A Marshall - Nottinghamshire Transport 2000  
Vacancy - Nottingham Transport Partnership  
Mr H McClintock - PEDALS

indicates present at meeting

#### **Also in attendance**

Mr S Cotter - Arrow Light Rail  
  
Mr P Armstrong )  
Mr G O'Connell ) Nottingham City Council  
Miss R Mottram )

#### **14 APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from County Councillor Smedley.

#### **15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

## 16 MINUTES

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 11 September 2007, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.**

### (a) Matters arising

- (i) Clarification was provided on minute number 12, last bullet point, the Committee agreed that operators should be involved with the meetings and reports by operators could be submitted accordingly;
- (ii) Further to minute number 11 (e), resolution (1), the Director NET apologised for not being able to attend the last meeting. He advised that every effort would be made for him or the NET Project Manager to attend future meetings. However, he highlighted that there may be times when neither officer would be able to attend due to other work commitments.
- (iii) Further to minute number 11 (e), resolution (2), the Director NET was unable to confirm whether a letter had been sent to Asda concerning the accident with the lorry and the tram. He agreed that he would look into the matter.

- (b) **RESOLVED that the Director NET report back to the next meeting regarding the letter to Asda concerning the accident with the lorry and the tram.**

## 17 NET PHASE TWO TRANSPORT AND WORKS ACT (TWA) ORDER

Consideration was given to a report of the Director NET, copies of which had been circulated, regarding amendments to the proposed article dealing with the Greater Nottingham Light Rapid Transit Advisory Committee.

The amendments had been made in light of the Committee's recommendations at its meeting on 11 September 2007, and were reported as follows:-

- the title of the proposed Committee had been changed to the 'Greater Nottingham Light Rapid Transit Advisory Committee' [clause (1)];
- [clause (4)], which dealt with the term of office for members of the Committee had been amended to better fit the situation of members representing the Councils and read:-
  - (4) Without affecting any member of the Committee's right to resign as a member of the Committee at any time by giving notice in writing to the promoter, the term of office a member of the Committee shall extend as follows:-
    - (a) in the case of a member who is a member of the City Council or the County Council, from the date of his or her appointment until the end of his or her councils period of administration or, if earlier, the date on which he or she ceases to be a member of the council concerned: or

(b) in the case of any other member, for three years from the date of his or her appointment; and, on ceasing to hold office pursuant to this paragraph, a member of the Committee shall be eligible for re-appointment as a member of the Committee;

- the Article [clause (3)] now provided for the Committee to co-opt representatives of the operator.

It was reported that it was not considered necessary to make specific provision for the attendance of the operator, as the attendance of any persons other than Committee members would always be at the invitation of the Committee.

**RESOLVED that the Secretary of State be informed that the Advisory Committee was content with the proposed Article 85 of the proposed NET Phase Two TWA Order (dealing with Greater Nottingham Light Rapid Transit Advisory Committee) and withdrew its objection to the Order.**

## **18 NET LINE ONE - OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE: AUGUST - BEGINNING OF NOVEMBER 2007**

### **(a) Operational Performance**

The performance of the tram system had remained high during this period with average reliability exceeding 99.5% and average punctuality exceeding 99%. Patronage figures based on ticket sales and annual boarding and alighting surveys, indicated a growth in passenger numbers of 3.2% compared to the same period last year.

### **(b) Crime Statistics and Security at Park and Ride Sites**

It was reported at the meeting that the crime statistics had risen. A joint campaign in partnership with the police called 'operation mutual' had commenced and was aimed at educating the public about the risks of leaving valuables on display in their cars. This campaign would be operated at the Forest Park and Ride during December.

### **(c) Cycle Lockers – Pheonix Park and Ride Site**

The Operators had been approached about taking on the maintenance for the cycle lockers at Pheonix Park but had indicated that they were not prepared to take on the responsibility. It was confirmed that maintenance of the lockers would form part of the contract for NET Phase 2.

Discussions took place around whether funding could be provided from the Highways budget for cycle lockers, and whilst it was considered that the lockers could possibly be provided, the funding of the ongoing maintenance costs would be the difficult. The Chair agreed to write to the relevant Directors and Portfolio Holders of the City and County Council's to request them to consider funding the installation of cycle lockers at the Phoenix Park and Ride Site.

### **(d) Awards**

It was reported that the tram operator, Nottingham Tram Consortium, had won national recognition at two award ceremonies. At the Light Rail Awards held in London on 2

November 2007, they were named 'Tram Operator of the Year,' and at the same event, their Infrastructure Cleaning Team was awarded 'Team of the Year'. They were also presented with the 'Street Transit Award' at the UK Bus Awards held on 7 November 2007. The Committee congratulated the Operator on their recent awards.

**(e) Safety**

An update on the fatality that occurred on the evening of 6 October was not available as the circumstances of the incident were subject to continued investigation and a date for the Inquiry had not been set.

**(f) Noise**

Further progress had been made with the contractor regarding noise and vibration at the crossover adjacent to Royal Centre Concert Hall. It was anticipated that it would be resolved early in the New Year. The Committee were advised that the situation would not be repeated on NET Phase 2 as the same type of crossover was not required.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) that the Chair of the Committee write to the relevant Portfolio Holders and Directors of both County and City Councils to ask them to consider funding the installation of cycle lockers at the Phoenix Park and Ride Site;**
- (2) that the Committee's congratulations be recorded and forwarded to Nottingham Tram Consortium, for its recent success, in achieving three National Awards for their services.**

**19 LETTER FROM MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC**

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of NET, copies of which had been circulated, regarding a letter received from a member of the public regarding the lack of policy by the Tram Operator on the treatment of 'trick or treaters'.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) that the correspondent be informed that the letter had been considered by the Advisory Committee;**
- (2) that the Director of NET, convey to the correspondent that the Committee regretted the disturbance which occurred during their tram journey and to inform them that a briefing with staff had since taken place and that measures had been taken to ensure there was a clear understanding of how to deal with 'trick or treaters' in the future.**

**20 SHEFFIELDS TRIAL OF SUPERTRAM CYCLISTS SPECIALS**

The Chair of the meeting was of the opinion that this item, although not included on the agenda, should be considered as a matter of urgency in accordance with Section 100(B)(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 to enable members to be informed of the Sheffield trial at the earliest opportunity.

A representative of PEDALS introduced the report on Supertram Cyclists Specials from The Sheffield Cycle Campaign. The report highlighted trials where Sunday tram services had been provided to cyclists to allow them access to Rother Valley Country Park for some traffic free or low traffic cycling experience. The events had also been used to link with meeting with Rangers and Council Officers to provide information on the local networks.

The Committee considered that offering a similar service at weekends on the Robin Hood Line would be popular, as it would provide cyclists with easy access to Newstead Abbey and Sherwood Forest.

It was also reported that Transport for London (TfL) had commissioned consultants to undertake a study of cyclists travelling in and around trams to enable them to get a better understanding of the issues cyclists faced. It was considered that this type of independent study would feed into future planning for Nottingham.

**RESOLVED that the report be noted.**

## **21 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

**RESOLVED**

- (1) that the next meeting of the Committee be held on Tuesday 18 March 2008 at 4.30pm;**
- (2) that the Committee meet at 4.30pm on the following dates:-**

**2008**

**10 June**

**9 September**