

## **NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL**

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

#### **MINUTES**

of meeting held on **9 SEPTEMBER 2008** at

County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham from 4.30 pm to 5.07 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           - Campaigning for Better Transport  
Vacancy                 - Nottingham Transport Partnership  
Mr H McClintock       - PEDALS

indicates present at meeting

#### **Also in attendance**

Mr C Deas                )  
Mr A Holdstock         ) Nottingham City Council  
Ms Y Junaid             )

#### **9 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Davie, Mr S Cotter of Arrow Light Rail and Mr P Armstrong, Director of NET.

#### **10 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

No declarations of interests were made.

## **11 MINUTES**

### **(a) Confirmation**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the last meeting held on 10 June 2008, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

### **(b) Matter arising**

**Further to minute 6 of the meeting held on 10 June 2008, the Committee was informed that signs directing cyclists to use the pathway at Fletcher Gate would be reinstated within a few weeks.**

## **12 NET LINE ONE - OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE: MAY - END OF JULY 2008**

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of NET, copies of which had been circulated, relating to the performance of NET Line One for the period May to the end of July 2008.

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

It was reported that the performance of the tram system had remained high during this period with average reliability and punctuality exceeding 99% and 98% respectively. This was despite the replacement of the track crossover at the Royal Centre over the Spring Bank holiday weekend and two separate incidents of cars being driven onto the tram - only section of the track at Canal Street viaduct, on 20 May and 9 July, which had resulted in disruption to the service.

In response to concern expressed regarding the continued occurrence of vehicular traffic passing through the Nottingham Trent University tram stop, it was agreed that the matter would be discussed with the Highway Authority with a view to enforcement being undertaken and signage improved.

### **(b) Ticket Sales**

Patronage figures based on ticket sales indicated a slight reduction in the number of passenger trips compared to the same period last year. However, the sale of tickets at Paypoints had continued to be popular with sales doubling since August 2007.

### **(c) Crime at Park and Ride sites**

NET Line One Concessionaire was working closely with the Police and Nottingham Crime and Drugs Partnership in order to reduce the number of reported incidents at Phoenix Park and the Forest Park and Ride sites.

### **(d) New Bus Service**

A new bus service operated by Veolia Transport would commence on 3 October 2008, the service would run from Kimberly, Nuthall, Awsworth and Cossall to a new bus stop adjacent to the terminus at Phoenix Park at half-hourly intervals between 6.25 am and 8.00 pm and then hourly.

**(e) Royal Centre Concert Hall**

The new track work and noise attenuation measures at the crossover adjacent to the Royal Centre Concert Hall had been substantially completed over the Spring Bank Holiday weekend and concrete finishing works had been undertaken on 28-29 June 2008. For both those periods tram services were suspended between the Forest tram stop and the City Centre and a replacement bus service had been provided.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) that the performance of NET Line One during the period May to July 2008 be noted;**
- (2) that the Director, NET, be requested to discuss the matter of the continued occurrence of vehicular traffic passing through Nottingham Trent University tram stop with the Highway Authority with a view to enforcement and signage being improved and submit a report on the outcome of the discussions to a future meeting of this Partnership.**

**13 USE OF NET BY CONCESSIONARY PASS HOLDER**

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of NET, copies of which had been circulated concerning the usage of the tram by concessionary pass holders.

In relation to a suggestion that additional tram services were needed when evening concerts were held at the Royal Concert Hall and Nottingham Playhouse, it was explained that, this was a commercial decision for the Operator which would be raised with them.

**RESOLVED that the report be noted.**

**14 LETTER FROM A 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 who complained that NET had not been included as part of the National Bus Concessionary Travel Scheme for pass holders who resided outside the Nottingham area.

It was reported that the National Bus Concessionary Travel Scheme introduced on 1 April 2008 provided free off-peak travel on local buses anywhere in England. However, free off-peak travel on trams and ferries had not been included in the new national concession, and that where such wider concessions had been included they had been funded from local authorities own resources.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) that the correspondent be informed that the letter had been discussed by the Advisory Committee;**
- (2) that the Director, NET convey to the correspondent that there were no immediate plans to change the National Bus Concessionary Travel Scheme adopted by Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire County.**