

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

GREATER NOTTINGHAM LIGHT RAPID TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

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

County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham from 4.30 pm to 5.10 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 S Cotter - Arrow Light Rail
Mr R Harris - Nottingham Tram Consortium

Mr P Armstrong)
Mr A Holdstock) Nottingham City Council
Ms Y Junaid)

15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Arnold and Smedley.

16 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interests were made.

17 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 9 September 2008, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

18 NET LINE ONE - OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE: AUGUST - END OF OCTOBER 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 August to the end of October 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 operational performance being significantly affected during three days at the end of October when a fault to an overhead line support at Butler's Hill resulted in the suspension of services between Moor Bridge and Hucknall.

(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. This was a reflection of the current downturn in the economy.

(c) Crime at Park and Ride sites

It was reported that there had been a reduction in the number of reported incidents of car crime in August and September compared with the previous two months. However, in October there had been a significant rise in break-ins at the Forest Park and Ride site and additional funding had been made available by the NET Concessionaire and the Nottingham Crime and Drugs Partnership as part of a joint initiative with the Police to combat car crime at the Park and Ride sites. Also the hours operated by security staff had been increased and new signing had been installed to remind users to remove valuables from their vehicles. It appeared that the measures implemented to date had a beneficial effect in November 2008 when only four incidents of car crime at the Forest Park and Ride site had been reported.

(d) Cycle lockers - Pheonix Park and Ride site

It was reported that six cycle lockers had been installed at Pheonix Park and Ride site for cyclists who wished to complete their journey by tram and the cost had been met from the budget provision for the Local Transport Plan.

(e) Noise

It was reported that noise attenuation measures at the crossover adjacent to the Royal Centre had significantly reduced the noise at the crossing.

(f) Light Rapid Transit Awards

It was reported that the Nottingham Tram Consortium's administration team had won the Team of the Year Award and had achieved second place in the Operator of the Year category. The Committee congratulated the Operator on their recent achievements.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the performance of NET Line One during August to October 2008 be noted;**
- (2) that the Committee's congratulations be recorded and forwarded to the Nottingham Tram consortium, for its recent success in the Light Rail Transit Awards.**

19 NOTTINGHAM TRENT UNIVERSITY TRAMSTOP - CONTRAVENTION OF TRAM-ONLY ORDER

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of NET, copies of which had been circulated, regarding the improvement of signage and enforcement of the Tram-Only Order at the Nottingham Trent University Tramstop.

It was reported that during term time approximately 200 vehicles per day contravened the Tram-Only Traffic Regulation Order. The Police had undertaken a number of exercises to enforce the Order, namely short-term physical presence and the issue of fixed penalty notices to motorists driving through the tramstop. However, when the Police presence had been withdrawn the number of contravening vehicles had risen to the previous level.

The City Council was working with consultants who had experience in installing road safety cameras which used Automatic Number Plate Recognition technology with a view to meeting the requirements of the Department for Transport approval procedure. As part of this it was planned that the cameras would be installed at each end of the Nottingham Trent University tramstop as a trial measure. PEDALS had requested that the order be changed and that pedal cyclists be exempt from the Traffic Regulation Order. It was explained that such a change would result in measures that would be difficult to enforce.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

20 LETTERS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of NET, copies of which had been circulated, regarding letters received from members of the public.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the correspondents A and B be informed that their letters had been considered by the Advisory Committee;**

- (2) that the Director of NET, convey to correspondent A that the Committee regretted the experience that had been encountered by her family and suggested that in future the emergency contact button be used, which would result in the driver opening all the doors and the conductor being alerted to the fact that a passenger might require assistance;**
- (3) that the Director of NET, convey to correspondent B that:-**
 - (a) the allocation of funding was not part of this Committee's remit, which was to advise on issues relating to the construction and operations of the Greater Nottingham Light Rapid Transit system;**
 - (b) however, Bulwell and Bulwell Forest Area Committee might be able to assist and that correspondent B be advised to contact the Bulwell and Bulwell Forest Neighbourhood Manager to pursue this.**

21 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

RESOLVED

- (1) that the next meeting of the committee be held on Tuesday 10 March 2009 at 4.30 pm;**
- (2) that the proposed dates of future meetings, commencing at 4.30 pm at County Hall, as follows, be noted:**

2009

**7 July
8 September
8 December**