

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

GREATER NOTTINGHAM LIGHT RAPID TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

of meeting held on **15 JUNE 2010** at

the Council House, Old Market Square, Nottingham from 2.02 pm to 2.17 pm

Nottingham City Council

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

Nottinghamshire County Council

Councillor R Adair (for minutes 7 to 8 inclusive)
Councillor R Jackson
Councillor G Merry
Councillor C Pepper (for minutes 6 to 8 inclusive)
Councillor S Smedley

Independent Representatives

Mr A Marshall - Campaign for Better Transport
Mr J Dowson - Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Chamber of
Commerce and Industry
Ms N Gasson - Federation of Small Businesses
Mr G Smerdon-White - Greater Nottingham Transport Partnership
Mr C Roy - Nottingham Trent University
Mr H McClintock - PEDALS
Mr S Abbott - Travel Watch East Midlands

Indicates present at meeting

Also in attendance

Mr A Holdstock) Nottingham City Council
Mr R Simpson)
Mr S Calvert - Nottinghamshire County Council
Mr N Wood - Nottingham Tram Consortium

1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

RESOLVED that Councillor Jackson be appointed Chair for the 2010/11 municipal year.

2 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

RESOLVED that Councillor Malcolm be appointed Vice-Chair.

3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Davie, Merry, Smedley and Sutton and Mr Abbott.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interests were made.

5 MINUTES

(a) Confirmation

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 9 March 2010, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

(b) Matter arising – Concessionary Travel

Further to minute 27, Mr Calvert reported that, with effect from 1 April 2010, the County Council had introduced a change to its concessionary fare scheme providing for full fares to be paid for journeys before 9.00 am.

RESOLVED that the position be noted.

6 NET LINE ONE - OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE 1 FEBRUARY 2010 TO 30 APRIL 2010

Consideration was given to a report of the Director, NET, copies of which had been circulated, relating to the performance of NET Line One for the period 1 February to the 30 April 2010.

Mr Holdstock summarised the report, highlighting that the tram system continued to perform to an extremely high level over the three month period with both the number of timetabled trips running and the number of services departing on time exceeding 99%. There were no significant incidents affecting services during the period, with the tram continuing to provide a reliable means of transport during the severe winter weather conditions.

Overall there had been a slight decrease in annual usage of the tram between April 2009 and March 2010 due to the economic downturn. A provisional estimate of the number of passengers using NET during the financial year from 1 April 2009 to 30 March 2010 was 9 million.

An increase to some tram fares occurred on 16 May, the first increase since April 2008. An off-peak single rose by 10 pence to £1.60, an all-day ticket rose by 30 pence to £3.00 and an all week ticket rose by £1.50 to £13.50. There were also increases to the prices of group tickets, Paypoint tickets and student tickets. All child ticket prices had remained the same. Details of the new fares, which were in line with recent bus fare rises by Nottingham City Transport, were set out at Appendix A of the report.

A member of the Advisory Committee commented that it would have been helpful if more information about the reasons for the fares increase had been made available to citizens.

A group of students from Top Valley Engineering College visited the system in February as part of their diploma studies, taking part in track maintenance and tram driving exercises in the depot. The visit was a great success and the tram operator, Nottingham Tram Consortium, hoped to provide similar opportunities to local students in the future.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the performance of NET Line One during January 2010 to April 2010 be noted;**
- (2) that the Director, NET, convey to the tram operator the appreciation of the Advisory Committee for keeping the tram service running during the worst of the winter weather.**

7 LETTERS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

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

In regard to the complaint from correspondent B, members of the Advisory Committee commented that Nottingham Tram Consortium could have considered a more generous compensation package.

RESOLVED

- (1) that correspondents A and B be informed that their letters had been considered by the Advisory Committee;**
- (2) that the report and steps taken to investigate and respond to the complaints be noted;**
- (3) that the Chair:**
 - (a) convey to correspondent A that it was not possible for Nottingham Tram Consortium to reduce the price of all of its tickets at the same time and that any decisions to offer a promotion on Easy Rider passes would have to be made by Nottingham City Transport;**
 - (b) convey to correspondent B that it regretted the incident with regard to the customers daughters pass, which occurred as a result of the failure of the ticket machine, such incidents being an extremely rare occurrence.**

8 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

RESOLVED that future meetings be held at 2.00 pm on Tuesdays:

14 September 2010

14 December 2010

15 March 2011