

Regeneration & Transport Select Committee

A meeting of Regeneration & Transport Select Committee was held on Monday, 21st February, 2011.

Present: Cllr Maurice Perry(Chairman), Cllr Dick Cains(Vice-Chairman), Cllr Kevin Faulks, Cllr John Fletcher, Cllr Paul Kirton, Cllr Bill Noble, Cllr Michael Smith.

Officers: Sue Daniels, Tara Connor, Simon Milner, Kathy Stainthorpe, Richard Poundford, Jan Doherty(DNS), Stephen Senft(CESC), Graham Birtle and Kirsty Wannop(LDS)

Also in attendance: None

Apologies: Cllr Fred Salt.

RTS 67/10 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr John Fletcher declared a personal non prejudicial interest in the item entitled - Quarterly Progress Updates on Previously Agreed Recommendations as he was the chair of Stockton Borough Bus Users Forum.

RTS 68/10 **Minutes of the Meetings held on 28th October 2010 and 8th November 2010**

The Chair signed the minutes of the meetings held on 28th October 2010 and 8th November 2010 as a correct record.

RTS 69/10 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th December 2010**

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 20th December 2010.

CONCLUDED that the minutes of the meeting held on 20th December 2010 be agreed and forwarded to Council for consideration.

RTS 70/10 **EIT Review of Events, Arts, and Tourism**

Consideration was given to the draft report. Members requested that further information be put into recommendation 1 to explain the opportunities which this would allow to be explored. Members also requested that information regards the abolishment of visitTeesvalley and the implications on the Tourism Service be provided. The Committee suggested that the Head of Regeneration and Economic Development send out an email to all Members informing them about visitTeesvalley.

CONCLUDED that

1. the report be agreed subject to minor changes and forwarded to Cabinet
2. the Head of Regeneration and Economic Development send out an email to all Members informing them about visitTeesvalley.

RTS 71/10 **Quarterly Progress Updates on Previously Agreed Recommendations**

Members were asked to consider the assessments of progress contained within the Progress Updates on the implementation of previously agreed

recommendations for the reviews of Pavement Parking and Sustainable School Travel, and the EIT review of Commissioning and Provision of Public and Community Transport.

Pavement Parking

Members were concerned with planning and the amount of parking spaces allowed per each household which contributed to the issues. Members were also interested to gain more information about the way in which the mediation services UNITE has been used.

Sustainable School Travel

The Committee questioned whether the recommendations had a positive effect and achieved what was set out.

Commissioning and Provision of Public and Community Transport

Members queried why the charges were below the commercial rates when the majority of users received an allowance for travel costs. Members also questioned why the Dial-A-Ride information on the website had not been updated. The Committee also asked when the savings/cost to date would be known for recommendations seven, eight and nine.

CONCLUDED that

1. the information be noted.
2. the issues raised above be forwarded to the relevant officers.

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Work Programme

Members were reminded that the next meeting was 14th March 2010 and would receive a report with information of the reviews undertaken by the Committee over the last 4 years. Members would also receive a presentation from Richard Poundford on the current Regeneration and Economic Development Service prior to the service being the subject of a year 3 EIT Review.

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Chair's Update

The Chair had nothing to report to the Committee.