



Tyne & Wear Passenger Transport Authority

DELEGATED COMMITTEE

28 July 1999

Smart Moves

Report of Development Director

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To apprise members of progress with development of Smartcard applications in the North East.

2. RECOMMENDATION

The Delegated Committee is recommended to:

2.1 Endorse the "Smart Moves" initiative.

2.2 Instruct Nexus to arrange a formal launch of this initiative; details to be agreed by the Chairman and Smartcards Lead Member.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 At its May meeting the PTA agreed a joint approach with Newcastle City Council "to promote the development of a regional Smartcard strategyspanning a number of applications, local authorities and commercialinterests" as recommended by the jointly commissioned Capita report.

3.2 To develop and implement the strategy Nexus and the City Council has now created a consortium involving in the first instance Nexus, the City Council, Northern Informatics and British Telecom. In doing so we have recognised the importance of regional compatibility and private sector involvement in the successful implementation of a commercially viable multi functional Smartcard strategy.

3.3 The work of the consortium, will be taken forward through a nominated full time Project Manager provided by Syntegra, BT's Telematics wing. The consortium partners are pleased that it has been possible to reach a position where the Syntegra Smartcard Manager has been designated to undertake this important project. PTAs/Nexus contribution to staff costs will be circa £16k over two financial years. Funding arrangements will need to be agreedbetween the PTA and Nexus.

3.4 Given the importance of this initiative and the increasing regional interest in developing multi function cards it is suggested that Nexus on behalf of theconsortium organise a high profile launch.

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