



Tyne and Wear Passenger Transport Authority

Minutes of the 193rd meeting of the Passenger Transport Authority

25 April 2002 (12.00 noon — 12.30pm)

Present:

Councillor: T D Marshall (in the chair), Boyack, Glindon, J S Green, M A Green, Holt, Kirby, Spring, Thompson and D Wood

In Attendance: D Johnson, B Scott, J Curran

Representing Nexus: M Parker, B Garner, A Lee, S Atkinson

127 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ord, P Wood and Flynn

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000 - CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS

Submitted: A Report of the Standards and Audit Committee — 25 April 2002 (copies attached to Minutes)

B Scott introduced the report, stressing that members would be asked to enter into an undertaking under the Code and register their interests. The Head of Democratic Services (Newcastle City Council) would be sending members the necessary forms.

A member expressed concern that the date specified for registration of interests and gifts — 22 May 2002. Some Local Authorities would not be appointing representatives to the PTA until 4 May at the earliest. B Scott advised that the Authority could resolve to adopt the Code from the 5 May. This would give members a breathing space of 28 days after the 5 May. It was suggested that the Annual Meeting of the PTA be put back to 30 May.

RESOLVED - That

(a) The New Code of Conduct for members attached as Appendix A to the Report be adopted with effect from 5th May 2002

(b) The Annual Meeting of the PTA be rescheduled to 10.30am on Thursday 30 May 2002

128 **CLERK TO THE PTA**

Submitted: Report of the Acting Clerk (copies attached to Official Minutes)

RESOLVED — That Mr Ian Stratford be appointed as Clerk to the PTA and a non-executive Director of Nexus

129 **METRO DISPUTE**

The Director General announced that the recent industrial dispute between Nexus and Trade Unions representing metro drivers had now been resolved. He gave out details of the terms of the agreement and wished to place on record his thanks to Rob Smith and his team for bringing about a satisfactory settlement. Members endorsed these sentiments.

The Chair referred to members concerns about the withdrawal of bus services in all areas. He had written to the three major operators expressing the PTA's concern about this and asking what action would be taken. He was concerned about the impact of the withdrawal of these services in terms of social inclusion, which had been identified as a priority for the Authority. Members welcomed this action.

130 **RETIREMENT OF COUNCILLOR HOLT**

The Chair paid tribute to Councillor Eric Holt (representing Sunderland City Council), was to retire at the Local Elections on 2 May. There was to be a presentation to Councillor Holt following the policy seminar.

