

TRANSPORT AND NEIGHBOURHOODS PORTFOLIO

DECISION RECORD

3 March 2010

The meeting commenced at 9.00 a.m. in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

Present:

Councillor Peter Jackson (Transport and Neighbourhoods Portfolio Holder)

Officers: Alastair Smith, Assistant Director (Transport and Engineering Services)
Mike Blair, Transportation and Traffic Manager
Sarah Bird, Democratic Services Officer

63. Stagecoach Fares Increase *(Assistant Director (Transportation and Engineering))*

Type of Decision

Non Key

Purpose of Report

To seek approval to apply increased fare scales on bus services operated by Stagecoach on behalf of Hartlepool Borough Council.

Issues for Consideration

The Authority supports a number of bus services contracted to Stagecoach and due to Stagecoach's increased fares because of the increasing price of fuel and anticipated wage costs, it was proposed to implement the same fare scales on supported contracts as commercial services. This was in order to avoid confusion for passengers on Stagecoach services by ensuring that the same fare scale was used on commercial and supported services.

It was proposed to increase fares by 5 pence. However, it was not proposed to increase the Dayrider, Daytripper and Megarider fares at this time. It was clarified that fares had not increased since 2008.

The Portfolio Holder expressed concern that the Stagecoach Dayrider, Daytripper and Megarider tickets could not be used on other company's routes. The Assistant Director (Transport and Engineering) agreed to raise this at the Regional Bus Forum.

Decision

The Portfolio Holder approved the application of the revised fare scales on supported bus services operated by Stagecoach with immediate effect.

The meeting concluded at 9.05 am.

PETER DEVLIN

CHIEF SOLICITOR

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