NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

18th July 2007

TRANSPORT AND TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

The Transport and Telecommunication Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee has met once since the last full Council meeting.

Committee Meeting - 20th June 2007

1. Motion – Public Transport Timetables

This is a separate item on the agenda for Full Council but to reiterate after much debate and discussion amongst members of this Committee and invited members of the Communications O & S Committee the motion was not supported.

The additional recommendation tabled by County Councillor Rob Broadley was also not carried.

2. ICT in schools

Members of the Young Peoples O & SC and the Communications O & SC Committee were invited to participate in the meeting for this item as it was of equal interest to them. The purpose of the report was to advise us of the current position regarding recent developments in Schools' ICT provision.

After a full report from the Assistant Director Finance and Management Support and plenty of discussion between Members we were satisfied with the information we received and agreed that no further action is required.

3. Progress updates from the Corporate Director Finance and Central services

NYnet

We were happy to note the information in the report and resolved to undertake a visit to the NYnet office to meet with the NYnet management team.

Video Conferencing

Members were pleased to note the progress being made and looked forward to the opportunities this new resource would bring.

MUGIT

The Committee was disappointed to hear of the poor attendance by Members to this group and resolved to request a joint event with Communications O & SC to promote the importance of Members identifying their needs with regard to the use of IT.

4. Yorkshire & Humber Grid for Learning

County Councillor Chris Pearson as representative for the County Council on this group informed us about the valuable role it plays in bringing information into schools and colleges.

5. In-depth Scrutiny review – 'Let's get on the bus!'

The final report of the Committee was well received by the Executive and all recommendations were agreed. The report has now been sent out to all those people who participated and has also been published on the Centre for Public Scrutiny

website. A follow up article can also be seen in the July edition of the NY Times. If you would like a copy of this extremely interesting report, please contact the scrutiny team.

County Councillor Eric Broadbent Chairman Transport and Telecommunication Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee June 2007

