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| MEETING | DECISION SESSION - CABINET MEMBER FOR CITY STRATEGY |
| DATE    | 21 FEBRUARY 2012                                    |
| PRESENT | COUNCILLOR MERRETT (CABINET MEMBER)                 |

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**37. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

At this point in the meeting, the Cabinet Member is asked to declare any personal or prejudicial interests he may have in the business on the agenda.

The Cabinet Member declared a personal interest as a bus user in the City of York.

**38. MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Decision Session Cabinet Member for City Strategy held on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2012, be approved and signed by the Cabinet Member as a correct record subject to the following amendment:

Minute 36 – removal of the sentence referring to a quality contract.

**39. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - DECISION SESSION**

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

**40. BID TO THE BETTER BUS AREA FUND.**

The Cabinet Member considered a report which outlined the City of York bid to the Better Bus Area Fund. A successful bid

would help to deliver a step change in the quality of the bus service across the City.

The Cabinet Member commented that the Better Bus Fund is relevant to the Council's objective to 'Get York Moving'. The fund provides an opportunity for the Council, if successful, to make notable improvements within the next 2 years to the quality of service and ticketing in York. In addition a new interchange and work towards reducing congestion would be possible.

The Cabinet Member confirmed that he supported the West Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive's proposal to include York as an optional addition to their bid.

- RESOLVED:
- a) That the Cabinet Member noted the contents of the report.
  - b) Agreed to the submission of a City of York bid to the Better Bus Area Fund in partnership with York's bus operators.
  - c) Agreed to support West Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive's bid to the Better Bus Area Fund in the interests of realising significant ticketing benefits for City of York bus passengers.

REASON: This course of action will greatly assist the Council and York's bus operators to make a step change improvement to the bus network which will deliver an increase in bus passenger numbers.

CLLR D MERRETT, Cabinet Member  
[The meeting started at 4.00 pm and finished at 4.05 pm].