



Tyne and Wear Integrated Transport Authority - Delegated Committee



Meeting to be held on Thursday 25 October 2012 at 9.20 am at Nexus House, St. James Boulevard, Newcastle upon Tyne

Membership: Blackburn, D Wood (Chair) and P Wood

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AGENDA

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1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Declarations of Interest of Members or Officers in any matter to be discussed at the meeting**

Please remember to declare any personal interest where appropriate both verbally and by recording it on the relevant form (to be handed to the Democratic Services Officer).

Please also remember to leave the meeting where any personal interest requires this.

3. **Minutes of the 27 September 2012 meeting of the Tyne and Wear Integrated Transport Authority - Draft Minute 52 - Modification to Tolls at the Tyne Tunnel**

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EXTRACT FROM THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE TYNE AND WEAR INTEGRATED TRANSPORT AUTHORITY HELD ON 27 SEPTEMBER 2012

DRAFT MINUTE 52 - MODIFICATION TO TOLLS AT THE TYNE TUNNEL

Submitted: A joint report of the New Tyne Crossing Project Director and Treasurer of the ITA (previously circulated and copy attached to Official Minutes).

P Woods presented the report which sought members' approval of the proposed increase in tolls at the Tyne Tunnel from 1 January 2013 in line with the Toll Strategy, as agreed by the Authority on 27 September 2007.

Comments/points noted

- The Chairman had previously made a submission to the Department for Transport (DfT) for financial assistance to prevent an increase in tolls. However, due to the strength of the business plan for the Tyne Tunnels, the DfT had not allowed this assistance.
- Members commented on the benefits of the Tyne Tunnels route, including the good value for money it represented for motorists and heavy goods vehicles (HGVs). It was noted that the Tyne Tunnels compared favourably with the tolls set in other areas of the country. A member also commented on the extended benefits of using a permit.

RESOLVED – That:

(i) the increase in tolls for cars (class 2 vehicles) from £1.40 to £1.60 and for HGVs (class 3 vehicles) from £2.00 to £2.50 to take effect from 1 January 2013 as set out in paragraph 3 of the report be approved; and

(ii) the Project Director be authorised to publish the relevant notices and submit the necessary documentation to the Secretary of State, as prescribed in the River Tyne (Tunnels) Order 2005 (Schedule 14, Part 1) as amended on 9 January 2012 and as described in paragraph 4 of this report.

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