



11th September 2012

Agenda Item: 5 (a)

REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR TRANSPORT PROPERTY AND ENVIRONMENT

TRAVELINE EAST MIDLANDS - SYSTEMS SUPPLIER MEETING IN MUNICH 2012

Purpose of the Report

1. To feedback actions noted and benefits resulting from the Traveline Regional Manager's visit to Munich for a review meeting with the systems supplier (MDV) on 25th June – 27th June 2012.

Information and Advice

2. The meeting was hosted by MDV and the agenda had been agreed by all parties before the meeting. A summary of the discussions and decisions can be found in Appendix 1.

Benefits of attendance

3. Significant progress was made on the many items of interest to the overall development of Traveline services in the UK. Many of the items discussed required input from other members of MDV staff with specific points needing either technical input or access to managers responsible for deploying staff time.

MDV were able to demonstrate new products using technology that was only available at their office and the meeting had access to MDV's internal development systems to review ongoing work with the relevant staff.

Conclusion

4. The request by the Administration Committee to review the benefits of holding meetings in Munich prompted the attendees to consider smarter working arrangements in the future. Options discussed were to hold four one-day liaison meetings in London or Birmingham each year with MDV joining by Skype or videoconference, alternatively, all regions to contribute towards the costs of sending just one or two representatives to Munich for technical sessions with MDV.

However traveline is evolving and greater collaboration between regions is required to get the best value from suppliers and reduce costs to local authorities. To enable that to

happen it is always going to be necessary to have some degree of personal interaction in a location that can best facilitate the meeting. The benefits of this latest meeting in Munich are immediate and will help the County Council and traveline East Midlands deliver good quality passenger information services in years to come.

Reason for Recommendation

5. This report is for noting only.

Statutory and Policy Implications

6. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

7. None

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) This report is for noting only.

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Background Papers

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

Electoral Divisions and Members Affected

All