

**Minutes of Board Meeting**

**Held on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2012**

**At 10.30am in NTA Offices on Harcourt Lane**

**Present:** Mr John Fitzgerald (Chairperson), Mr Gerry Murphy (CEO), Mr Hugh Creegan (Director of Transport Investment and Taxi Regulation), Mr Frank King, Ms Linda Saunders, Mr Damian Usher, Mr James Deegan, Dr Berna Grist, Ms Valerie O'Reilly, Ms Margaret O'Shaughnessy, Mr Daithí Alcorn, Mr John Tierney (Dublin City Manager).

**Apologies:** None

**Staff in attendance:** Ms Anne Graham (Item 4), Mr Michael MacAree (Item 5) and Mr Karl Seeber (Minutes).

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**1. Minutes of previous meeting**

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2012 were agreed.

**2. CEO Report and Finance Update**

The Chief Executive updated the Board on developments in a number of areas including the award of contracts for PSO bus services after 2014, the provision of additional subvention for PSO services, Luas VAT treatment, fares increases, the introduction of a new contracted bus service between Urlingford and Portlaoise, the recent marketing campaign for National Journey Planner, proposals for the development of Bus Rapid Transit corridors, the Authority's new financial system and staff issues. The Chief Executive responded to points raised by Board members concerning these matters and undertook to arrange appropriate follow up action, where required.

The Chief Executive noted that, due to the introduction of a new financial management system by the Authority, the management accounts for October will be presented at the December meeting.

**3. Taxi update and proposed Regulations**

Mr Creegan updated the Board on the implementation by the Authority of actions contained in the Government Review of Taxi Regulation. The Board considered the text of draft Regulations to give effect to the branding of taxis from 1 January 2013. The Board decided that, subject to the views of the Garda Commissioner it proposes to formally approve the draft regulations at its December meeting.

**4. Rural Transport re-organisation**

Following a presentation by Ms Graham discussed the Authority's proposals for the restructuring of the Rural Transport Programme. The Authority's proposals will now be submitted to the Minister of State at the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport for consideration and approval.

## **5. Transport planning developments**

Mr MacAree outlined the Government's recently published proposals for reform of local government and some key considerations for the Authority's role as a result. He then responded to points raised by Board members.

## **6. Any other business**

Mr Creegan circulated copies of public transport route maps commissioned by the Authority, which it is proposed to provide online and at some bus stops. A detailed presentation on the new maps will be given at the December meeting.

Board members raised issues regarding the Waterford - Rosslare rail line, the Dublin – Rosslare rail line and the Waterford – Limerick rail line.

The agreed dates of the Board meetings in 2013 were circulated.

**Next Meeting: Friday 14 December 2012 @ 10.30am at NTA Headquarters.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

**John Fitzgerald, Chairperson**

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_