



## **Strathclyde Partnership for Transport**

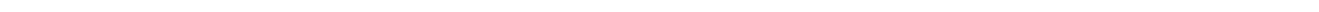
### **Minute of Strategy & Programmes Committee**

**9 September 2022**

held in person at 131 St Vincent Street and via Video Conference

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## **Minute of the meeting of Strathclyde Partnership for Transport's Strategy & Programmes Committee held at 131 St Vincent Street and via Video Conference on 9 September 2022**

- Present** Councillors Gordon Currie, Stephen Dornan, Christy Mearns, Malcolm Mitchell, Alan Moir, Owen O'Donnell, William Sinclair, David Wilson and appointed members George Hazel and Ed McGrachan
- Attending** Donald Reid, Chair of Audit & Standards Committee; Neil Wylie, Director of Finance & Corporate Support; Antony Smith, Director of Subway; Bruce Kiloh, Head of Policy & Planning; Gordon Dickson, Head of Bus Strategy & Delivery; Andrea Thompson, Media & Public Affairs Manager (from Agenda Item 9)

The Partnership agreed at its meeting of 12 March 2021, following consideration of Standing Order No 14, for the recording of Committee and Partnership meetings, and that such recordings would be made available together with the minute of meetings.

### **Opening Remarks**

The SPT Chair requested and the Committee agreed that an upstanding minute's silence be observed for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

#### **1. Appointment of Chair**

The SPT Chair nominated Cllr Moir as Chair of the Strategy & Programmes Committee. Cllr Wilson seconded this nomination.

It was noted there being no other nominations, Cllr Moir was duly appointed as the Strategy & Programmes Committee Chair.

#### **2. Apologies**

Apologies were submitted from Councillors Craig Edward, Mark Horsham, William Lennox, Duncan Townson and appointed members Anne Follin and Andrew Walters.

The Strategy & Programmes Chair also welcomed Councillors Gordon Currie, Owen O'Donnell and William Sinclair as new members of the Strategy & Programmes Committee.

#### **3. Declaration of interest in terms of the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc (Scotland) Act 2000**

Cllr Moir declared an interest in Agenda Item 5, citing his employment with Scotrail and as a member of ASLEF, the trade union.

George Hazel declared an interest due to his role as an adviser to North Ayrshire Council.

#### **4. Minute of previous meeting**

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The minute of the meeting of 18 February 2022, having been considered and approved at the Partnership meeting on 18 March 2022 as a correct record, was duly noted.

#### **5. Revenue Monitoring Report as at Period 4, ending 23 July 2022 and updated Financial Forecast for Financial Year 2022/2023**

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There was submitted and discussed a report (issued) of 24 August 2022 by the Director of Finance & Corporate Support advising members of the net revenue position as at the end of

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Period 4, 23 July 2022 and to provide an updated financial forecast for the current financial year, stating the assumptions made regarding income and expenditure levels.

After considerable discussion and after hearing from Mr Wylie in response to members' questions, the Committee considered the report and noted:

- (i) the forecast outturn at this stage; and
- (ii) that significant uncertainties relating to the increasing tendered bus service costs, the impact of Under 22s travel and the reduced subway patronage remain in relation to the year end projection.

**6. 2021/2022 Capital Outturn and Capital Programme Monitoring and Proposed Amendments Report as at 23 July 2022, Period 4**

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 25 August 2022 by the Director of Finance & Corporate Support, reporting on:

- (i) the 2021/22 capital outturn position;
- (ii) a progress update on the 2022/23 capital programme;
- (iii) seeking approval for proposed amendments to the 2022/23 capital programme; and
- (iv) seeking approval to Grant Fund as detailed in section 7(iii) of the report.

After hearing from Mr Wylie in response to members' questions, the Committee:

- (i) noted the 2021/22 capital outturn position;
- (ii) approved the proposed amendments to the 2022/23 capital programme in Appendix 2;
- (iii) agreed to Grant Fund or to vary existing Grant Fund letters to the Local Authorities or other bodies for those awards up to the value of £200,000 and authorised that grant award letters be concluded in line with approved governance arrangements;
- (iv) noted the financial performance of the 2022/23 capital programme as at Period 4; and
- (v) noted that further work to quantify and manage risk, advance savings and re-phase existing projects is being undertaken to balance spend against budget.

**7. Annual Treasury Management Report 2021/2022**

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 24 August 2022 by the Director of Finance & Corporate Support reporting on the treasury management activities and the actual prudential and treasury management indicators for 2021/2022.

After hearing from Mr Wylie in response to members' questions, the Committee:

- (i) noted the content of the report; and
  - (ii) approved the prudential and treasury management indicators for 2021/2022 as detailed in Appendix 1.
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**8. Glasgow City Region City Deal: Update on East Dunbartonshire Council's Place and Growth Programme**

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 24 August 2022 by the Chief Executive updating the Committee on the progress with East Dunbartonshire Council's (EDC) Place and Growth programme, in which SPT is a partner.

After hearing from Mr Dickson in response to members' questions, the Committee noted the contents of this report and the role SPT are contributing to deliver the transport elements of the project.

**9. Strategic Issues Update for the SPT area**

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 31 August 2022 by the Chief Executive providing an update on a wide range of strategic level issues affecting transport in the west of Scotland.

After extensive discussion, specifically relating to:

- (i) the continued challenges that remain in the bus market and that Transport Scotland had continued the network support grant and would be launching a national campaign to promote public transport;
- (ii) the community bus fund which has been paused;
- (iii) the views expressed relating to whether free bus travel should be extended beyond the Under 22s bus scheme and what other parts of Europe were doing in this area; and
- (iv) the work that SPT is doing under the umbrella of the Regional Transport Strategy to improve the future public transport network system

Thereafter the Committee noted the report as presented.

**10. Clyde Metro – progress update**

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 31 August 2022 by the Chief Executive updating the Committee on the Clyde Metro proposal.

After extensive discussion and hearing members' views relating to:

- (i) the governance and management of a project of this scale being crucial and that SPT has an important role in this;
- (ii) support for strong regional integration of all public transport modes including ticketing and the link to the Regional Transport Strategy; and
- (iii) the need for the Partnership to be kept apprised as the project progresses

Thereafter the Committee noted the report as presented.

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**11. Procured Service Arrangement for the Provision of Training Services**

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 18 August 2022 by the Director of Finance & Corporate Support seeking the Committee's approval to award the revised contract for the Provision of Training.

After hearing from Mr Wylie, the Committee approved the appointment of the Training Providers detailed for each Category as shown in the report.