

Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Minute of meeting

19 September 2025

held at 131 St Vincent Street, Glasgow and via Video Conference

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Minute of the meeting of the Strathclyde Partnership for Transport held at 131 St Vincent Street, Glasgow and via Video Conference* at 10am on 19 September 2025

- Present** Councillors Stephen Dornan (Chair), Andrew Anderson, Gordon Blair (from Agenda Item 5)*, Maureen Devlin, Neal Ingram*, Helen Loughran*, Donna McGill* (Substitute), Christy Mearns, Malcolm Mitchell, Alan Moir, Lawrence O'Neill, John Ross*, Adam Smith*, Duncan Townson*, Sandy Watson, David Wilson and Appointed Members Geoff Duke, Nicola Graham*, Moray Macdonald*, Ed McGrachan, Scott Prentice* and Pam Turton*
- Attending** Lesley Aird, Director of Finance & Corporate Support; Richard Robinson, Director of Transport Operations; Bruce Kiloh, Head of Policy & Planning, Gordon Dickson, Head of Bus Strategy & Delivery; Stuart Paul, Head of Finance and Amy Bryceland, Solicitor/Clerk

Partnership Standing Order No 14 requires the agreement of the Partnership to record meetings. The Chair reiterated to the Partnership that the meeting would be recorded and potentially viewed multiple times. The Partnership members noted this.

Chair's Remarks

The Chair welcomed Cllr Andrew Anderson of East Renfrewshire Council to the Partnership, who was replacing Cllr O'Donnell.

The Chair also sought, and received, agreement from the Partnership members to receive an update on the Industrial Relations Dispute (referenced at Section 12 of the Minute of the previous Partnership meeting of 27 June 2025). It was agreed to receive this update on the basis of Press and Public Exclusion.

1. Apologies

Apologies were submitted from Councillors Ken Andrew, Donald Reid, Roza Salih, Andy Steel and Appointed Member Anne Follin.

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

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

Scott Prentice declared an interest citing his role as a Trustee at Transform Scotland, with reference to Agenda Item 5.

3. Minute of previous meeting

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The minute of the meeting of 27 June 2025 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

4. Committee Minutes

The minutes (issued) of the undernoted Committees were noted and approved as an accurate record:

- (a) Operations Committee of 22 August 2025;

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- (b) Strategy & Programmes Committee of 5 September 2025; and
- (c) Audit & Standards Committee of 5 September 2025.

5. SPT Representation on Outside Bodies

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 26 August 2025 by the Chief Executive/Partnership Secretary seeking the agreement of the Partnership to a change to outside bodies representation.

After hearing from Mrs Aird in response to members' questions, the Partnership:

- (i) agreed that Scott Prentice represent SPT on Transform Scotland; and
- (ii) noted member representation on the other outside bodies.

6. SPT Annual Report 2024/2025

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 29 August 2025 by the Director of Finance & Corporate Support requesting the Partnership consider the audited Annual Accounts and approve them for signature.

After hearing from Mr Paul in response to members' questions, specifically relating to commitment to funding for future projects, the Partnership approved the signing of SPT's financial statements for the year ending 31 March 2025.

7. Strathclyde Regional Bus Strategy – Update on Public Consultation

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 1 September 2025 by the Head of Policy & Planning recommending the Partnership approve the Final Draft of the Strathclyde Regional Bus Strategy (SRBS) and, subject to the above approval, to agree that a costed programme and timeline for SPT to deliver a Franchise Framework Assessment (FFA) as required by the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019), noting a progress update on the other actions in the SRBS Delivery Plan to be presented for approval to the Partnership in December 2025.

After hearing Mr Kiloh and Mr Dickson in response to members' questions, specifically relating to the opportunities for integrated ticketing and linking modes of transport; the collation and use of data to assist in the planning and delivery of services; how updates on the delivery of SRBS will be communicated to the public; the importance of infrastructure in supporting the delivery of the SRBS; methods to be utilised in the further engagement with stakeholders and members of the public, the Partnership approved the Strathclyde Regional Bus Strategy and agreed to implement the franchise framework assessment, following the receipt of a costed programme and plan to the Partnership meeting in December 2025.

The Chair on behalf of the Partnership acknowledged the time and effort of SPT officers to collate the report and thanked them for their continued efforts in looking at the future delivery of the SRBS.

8. Industrial Relations Dispute

It was agreed at the commencement of the meeting that the press and public be excluded from this additional item, it being considered that otherwise there would be disclosure to them of exempt information in terms of Paragraph 11 of Schedule 7a to the Local Government Act 1973.

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Following the circulation of recent correspondence related to the recent industrial relations dispute, the Partnership received a briefing from the Director of Finance & Corporate Support relating to the matters which take place during the dispute, stressing the need for Partnership members to maintain the confidentiality of the information shared.