

## **Strathclyde Partnership for Transport**

### **Minute of Operations Committee**

**29 January 2021**

held via video conference

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## **Minute of the meeting of Strathclyde Partnership for Transport's Operations Committee held via Video Conference on 29 January 2021**

**Present** Councillors David Wilson (Chair), Malcolm Balfour, Martin Bartos, Colin Cameron, Graham Campbell, Donald Reid, Alistair Mackay (Substitute), Marie McNair, Michael McPake, Alan Moir (from Agenda Item 6) and appointed members Greg Beecroft and Graham Johnston.

**Attending** Gordon MacLennan, Chief Executive; Valerie Davidson, Assistant Chief Executive/Partnership Secretary; Neil Wylie, Director of Finance; Antony Smith, Director of Subway; Bruce Kiloh, Head of Policy & Planning; Gordon Dickson, Head of Bus Strategy & Delivery; Andrea Thompson, Media & Public Affairs Manager Gary Robertson, Network Analysis & Design Manager; and Scott Prentice, Head of Business Development, Abellio Scotrail.

### **Chair's Remarks**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted Scott Prentice of Abellio Scotrail would be available for questions from around 10.30am.

### **Recording of Meeting**

Mrs Davidson as Partnership Secretary advised to all in attendance that further to email correspondence to Partnership members there would be a pilot recording of the meeting and, if successful, SPT will roll out from March 2021 after seeking formal agreement from the Partnership in accordance with Partnership Standing Order 14. All members were in agreement and the pilot recording of the meeting commenced at 10.07am.

### **1. Apologies**

Apologies were submitted from Councillors Richard Bell, Marie McGurk and Richard Nelson.

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

The Committee noted there were no declarations of interest.

### **3. Minute of previous meeting**

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The minute of the meeting of 6 November 2020, having been considered at the Partnership meeting on 11 December 2020, was submitted and approved as a correct record.

### **4. Monitoring report on public transport services & facilities in the SPT area**

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There was submitted and discussed a report (issued) of 13 January 2021 by the Assistant Chief Executive:

- (a) reporting on the operational performance of public transport services and public transport facilities which are delivered directly by the Partnership or by others on behalf of the Partnership; and
- (b) reporting on the provision of public transport services and facilities in the Partnership area more generally.

After discussion and having heard from Mr Smith and Mr Wylie in response to members' questions, specifically concerning the impact of the ongoing pandemic on patronage levels

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across all modes of transport and further clarification relating to school transport operators and warnings, the Committee noted the details of the report.

Furthermore, Mr Prentice of Abellio Scotrail in response to members' questions, particularly on the reduced timetables Scotrail are introducing from 1 February 2021, confirmed Scotrail consulted with all RTPs, Transport Focus and the SPT convened working group with NHS trusts to ensure there was no material change to key worker interchange arrangements.

## **5. Subsidised Bus Service Contract Recommendations: financial Implications**

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 13 January 2021 by the Assistant Chief Executive, advising the Committee of the financial implications of the subsidised bus contract recommendations being considered at the meeting.

After hearing from Mr Wylie and Mr Dickson, the Committee:

- (i) noted that the initial guideline criteria work had been undertaken but the in depth review would be undertaken as a key component of the RTS update;
- (ii) noted the financial implications of the recommendations in accompanying papers and gave due consideration to this in the course of the decision making; and
- (iii) noted the proposal that the projected positive variance reported will be utilised to support SPT's overall financial position.

## **6. Transport Scotland Spaces for People Programme - Update**

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 5 January 2021 by the Chief Executive providing an update on Transport Scotland's Spaces for People (SfP) programme.

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

- (i) welcomed the detail of the report and agreed to note the contents of the report; and
- (ii) requested that officers seek clarification on the relocation of the inter station bus service and the impact for those with mobility issues.

## **7. Proposed award of subsidised local bus service contracts**

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 31 December 2020 by the Assistant Chief Executive recommending the Committee approve the award of a number of subsidised local bus service contracts.

After hearing from Mr Dickson in response to members' questions, the Committee agreed the award of the contracts detailed in Appendix 1 of the report, noting the award of contract 6965F was subject to the approval of South Ayrshire Council for an apportioned funding contribution for home to school transport.

## **8. Amendments to subsidised local bus service contracts**

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 31 December 2020 by the Assistant Chief Executive advising the Committee of amendments to subsidised local and MyBus bus service contracts since the last Committee meeting on 6 November 2020.

After hearing from Mr Dickson, the Committee noted the amendments to subsidised local and MyBus bus service contracts, in accordance with established corporate governance, financial regulation and contract standing orders.

## **9. Real Time Passenger Information (RTPI) System – Extension of Contracts**

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 13 January 2021 by the Assistant Chief Executive recommending the Committee approve the extension of the contract for Real Time Passenger Information (RTPI) Central System to Trapeze Group UK Limited and the extension of the contract for Real Time Passenger Information (RTPI) System Content Management System and RTPI Display Maintenance to Vix Technology Ltd.

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

- (i) the award of the contract extension for Lot 1 RTPI Central System to Trapeze Group UK, for a period of five years from 6 June 2021, up to £414,140 over the five-year period; and
  - (ii) the award of the contract extension for Lot 2 RTPI Content Management System and Display Maintenance to Vix Technology Ltd, for a period of five years from 6 June 2021, up to £1,290,517 over the five-year period.
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