

## **Strathclyde Partnership for Transport**

### **Minute of Operations Committee**

**23 August 2019**

held in 131 St Vincent Street, Glasgow

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## **Minute of the meeting of Strathclyde Partnership for Transport's Operations Committee held in 131 St Vincent Street, Glasgow, on 23 August 2019**

**Present** Councillors David Wilson (Chair), Malcolm Balfour, Martin Bartos, Colin Cameron, Alistair Mackay (substitute), Marie McNair, Alan Moir, Richard Nelson, and Donald Reid and appointed member Gregory Beecroft.

**Attending** Gordon Maclennan, Chief Executive; Valerie Davidson, Assistant Chief Executive; Neil Wylie, Director of Finance; Antony Smith, Director of Subway; Heather Maclean, Committee Officer; Gordon Dickson, Head of Bus Strategy & Development; Alex Scott, Bus Services Manager; and Jamie Rodden, UEFA 2020 Mobility Lead at Glasgow City Council.

### **1. Apologies**

Apologies were submitted from Councillors Graham Campbell, Michael Cullen, Graham Hardie, Marie McGurk and Michael McPake and appointed member Graham Johnston.

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

The Committee noted that there were no declarations of interest.

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

The minute of the meeting of 26 April 2019, having been considered at the Partnership meeting on 21 June 2019, was submitted and approved as a correct record.

### **4. Monitoring Report on Public Transport Services in the SPT Area**

There was submitted a report (issued) of 1 August 2019 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 provision of public transport services and facilities in the Partnership area more generally.

After significant discussion and having heard from Messrs Wylie, Smith, Dickson and Scott and Mrs Davidson in further explanation and in answer to members' questions, the Committee noted the terms of the report.

### **5. UEFA 2020 Concept Overview – Presentation by Jamie Rodden, Mobility Lead, Glasgow City Council**

Mr Rodden gave a presentation to the committee outlining the transportation plans for the four 2020 UEFA European Football Championship games that will be held in Hampden Park, Glasgow in June and July 2020.

On behalf of the Committee, the Chair thanked Mr Rodden for his attendance and for his presentation.

### **6. Subsidised Bus Service Contract Recommendations: Financial Implications**

There was submitted a report (issued) of 7 August 2019 by the Assistant Chief Executive, with regards to the financial implications of the subsidised bus contract recommendations being considered at the meeting.

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After hearing from Mr Wylie, the Committee noted the contents of the report.

#### **7. Update on Transport Data Project**

There was submitted a report (issued) of 15 August 2019 by the Assistant Chief Executive providing the Committee with an update on SPT's Transport Data Project.

After discussion and hearing from Mr Dickson in response to members' questions the Committee:

- (a) noted the work being done to improve public transport data and its availability for the benefit of bus users & operators, and that further progress has been made in this regard;
- (b) noted the work being done to expand the availability of RTPI data on local bus services, including the expanded network of on-street displays and plans to upgrade displays at Buchanan Bus Station; and
- (c) agreed that further progress update reports will be presented to Committee in due course.

#### **8. Upgrade and Installation of Passenger Information Screens at Buchanan Bus Station**

There was submitted a report (issued) of 7 August 2019 by the Assistant Chief Executive updating the committee on the upgrading and installation of Passenger Information Screens at Buchanan Bus Station.

After hearing from Mr Wylie, the committee welcomed this significant investment and improvement in public transport information and noted the contents of the report.

#### **9. Update on Gourock – Kilcreggan Ferry Service**

There was submitted a report (issued) of 15 August 2019 by the Assistant Chief Executive providing the committee with an update on the possible transfer of responsibility for the Gourock – Kilcreggan ferry service to Transport Scotland.

After hearing from Mr Scott in response to members' questions the committee noted the recent developments in the possible transfer of the service and that a further report will be submitted upon the conclusion of negotiations between SPT and Transport Scotland.

The Chair conveyed the thanks of the Operations Committee to Mr Scott for his hard work and effort on the ferry service contracts for the last 12 years.

#### **10. Applications for Grant Funding – Community Transport**

There was submitted a report (issued) of 6 August 2019 by the Assistant Chief Executive recommending the approval of grant funding in support of projects provided by Community Transport operators across Strathclyde.

After hearing from Mr Dickson, the Committee noted the Chair's Committee approval of grant funding of up to £40,000 to South Ayrshire Community Transport for the current financial year 2019/20.

In addition, the Committee noted grant funding of £15,000 to East Kilbride Community Transport made under delegated powers.

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**11. Contracts awarded under delegated powers**

There was submitted a report (issued) of 7 August 2019 by the Assistant Chief Executive advising the Committee of subsidised local bus service contracts being awarded utilising delegated powers.

The Committee noted the contents of the report.

**12. Amendments to subsidised local bus service contracts**

After consideration of a report (issued) of 7 August 2019 by the Assistant Chief Executive outlining changes to subsidised local bus services arising from changed market circumstances, the Committee noted the amendments to the services, as detailed in the Appendix to the report.

**13. Requests for subsidised local bus service contracts**

There was submitted and agreed a report (issued) of 6 August 2019 by the Assistant Chief Executive recommending that members note the recent requests received for subsidised local bus services and approve the recommended actions.

**14. Contract Award for the provision of Bus Shelter Advertising**

There was submitted and approved a report (issued) of 1 August 2019 by the Assistant Chief Executive recommending the approval of a revenue generation contract for the sale of advertising rights in the advertising shelters in eight council areas to Primesight Ltd for 52 months with SPT reserving the right to extend for up to 1 plus 1 year, with a minimum guaranteed income for the initial 52 months of £750,734.40.

**15. Member Attendance at Transport Conference**

There was submitted and approved a report (issued) of 1 July 2019 by the Assistant Chief Executive recommending the approval of the attendance of the Chair of the Operations Committee, the Assistant Chief Executive and the Head of Bus Strategy & Delivery at the CPT Conference in St Andrews on 4 and 5 November 2019.