

Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Minute of Operations Committee

24 August 2018

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 24 August 2018

Present Councillors David Wilson (Chair), Martin Bartos, Colin Cameron, Allan Casey, Michael McPake, Richard Nelson, Alan Moir, Marie McGurk, Graham Hardie, Jim Finn and Donald Reid and appointed member Gregory Beecroft.

Attending Valerie Davidson, Assistant Chief Executive/Secretary; Heather Maclean, Committee Officer; Gordon MacLennan, Chief Executive; Charlie Hoskins, Senior Director, Neil Wylie, Director of Finance and HR, Gordon Dickson, Bus Development Manager, Colin Urquhart, Transport Information Team Leader and Alex Scott, Bus Services Manager,

1. Apologies

Apologies were submitted from Councillors Jacqueline McLaren and Malcolm Balfour and appointed member Graham Johnston.

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

There were no declarations of interest

3. Minute of previous meeting

The minute of the meeting of 4 May 2018 was submitted and approved as a correct record with no matters arising.

4. SPT Monitoring report and Scotrail Performance Monitoring

There was submitted a report (issued) of 8 August 2018 by the Senior Director.

- (1) informing the committee of the latest trends in the number of passengers carried and the reliability of services directly operated and supported by the Partnership;
- (2) providing information on
 - (a) regulating and fleet profile statistics and details of subsidised local bus service vehicle inspections; and
 - (b) patronage, reliability and punctuality of ScotRail services in the SPT area, the data for which had been provided by Abellio/ScotRail.

Mr Hoskins shared further information in relation to period 5, reporting that there had been an overall increase of 10.4% in the use of the subway during the period, with a specific increase of 21% during the period of the European Championships 2018 from 2-12 August.

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After discussion and having heard from Ms Davidson and Messrs Hoskins and Scott in further explanation and in answer to members' questions, the committee noted the terms of the report and asked that specific questions relating to Abellio Scotrail services be passed directly to them.

5. Subsidised Local Bus Service Contract Recommendations: Financial Implications

There was submitted a report (issued) of 8 August 2018 by the Assistant Chief Executive, with regards to the financial implications of the subsidised bus contract recommendations being considered at the meeting.

After consideration the committee noted the projected increase in costs of £76,115, and agreed to consider this when considering the proposed awards.

6. Transport Information Data Project

There was submitted a report (issued) of 6 August 2018 by the Assistant Chief Executive providing members with a briefing on SPT's Transport Data Information project, and advising of a recent strategic engagement with operators. This report was supported by a presentation delivered by the Transport Information Team Leader..

After a presentation, discussion and having heard from the Transport Information Team Leader and Ms Davidson in further explanation and in reply to members' questions, the committee

(i) noted the contents of the report and presentation; and

(ii) requested that they receive an update on this project at future meetings.

7. University of West of Scotland, Lanarkshire Campus Bus Services

There was submitted a report (issued) of 7 August 2018 by the Senior Director to update the Committee on SPT activities in support of the establishment of bus services to University of West of Scotland's new Lanarkshire Campus.

After a discussion and having heard from Mr Dickson in further explanation and members' questions, the committee noted the contents of the report.

8. Applications for grant funding: Community Transport

There was submitted a report (issued) of 1 August 2018 by the Senior Director detailing recommended grant funding in support of projects provided to Community Transport (CT) organisations across Strathclyde.

After discussion and consideration, the committee approved the award of grant funding as detailed below, and noted the further grant funding awards approved under delegated authority as noted in the report.

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Organisation	Workstream	SPT Enhanced DRT Funding	GCC (Club Runs, Playscheme or ASN Schools)	Total Funding Sought (SPT + GCC)	Funding Granted at Operations Committee 4 May 2018
CTG	East Dunbartonshire Community Transport	£25,000			
CTG	Playscheme Transport		£2,000		
CTG	ASN School Transport (Cardinal Winning)		£52,000		
Totals - CTG		£25,000	£54,000	£79,000	£385,114
NATA	Playscheme Transport		£1,500		
NATA	ASN School Transport (Cardinal Winning)		£42,000		
Totals - NATA			£43,500	£43,500	£129,443
SACT	Core Funding	£30,000			
Totals - SACT		£30,000		£30,000	£8,000
SWCT	Core Funding	£30,560			
SWCT	Playscheme Transport		£1,000		
Totals - SWCT		£30,560	£1,000	£31,560	£6,000
CCH	Playscheme Transport		£2,500		
Totals - CCH			£2,500	£2,500	£5,000
VASLAN	Volunteer Car Scheme	£2,500			
Totals - VASLAN		£2,500		£2,500	N/A
PGVTG	Core Funding	£10,000			
Totals - PGVTG		£10,000		£10,000	N/A
Ardgowan Hospice	Core Funding	£20,000			
Totals - Ardgowan Hospice		£20,000		£20,000	N/A
CTER	Core Funding	£20,000			
Totals - CTER		£20,000		£20,000	N/A
Renfrewshire Council	Core Funding	£25,000			
Totals - Renfrewshire Council		£25,000		£25,000	N/A
Blantyre Volunteer Group	Core Funding	£20,000			
Totals - Blantyre Volunteer Group		£20,000		£20,000	N/A
RVS Rural Clydesdale	Core Funding	£12,000			
Totals - RVS Rural Clydesdale		£12,000		£12,000	N/A
Grand Totals		£195,060 (SPT)	£101,000 (GCC)	£296,060 (Combined)	

9. Contracts awarded under delegated powers

There was submitted a report (issued) of 05 July 2018 by the Assistant Chief Executive advising the Committee of key market and network changes over the preceding periods, which have resulted in subsidised local bus service contracts being awarded utilising delegated powers.

The Committee:

- (i) note contents of the report; and
- (ii) thanked officers for assistance given in ensuring that essential bus services remained in place.

10. Amendments to subsidised local bus service contracts

After consideration of a report (issued) of 5 July 2018 by the Assistant Chief Executive outlining changes to subsidised local bus services arising from changed market circumstances, the committee noted the amendments as detailed in the Appendix to the report, which would result in savings to SPT of £291,351 in 2018/2019.

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11. Request for subsidised local bus service contracts

There was submitted and approved a report (issued) of 5 July 2018 by the Assistant Chief Executive recommending that members note the requests for subsidised local bus services and approve all recommended actions as detailed in the report.