



## **Strathclyde Partnership for Transport**

### **Minute of Operations Committee**

**9 November 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 9 November 2018**

**Present** Councillors David Wilson (Chair), Martin Bartos, Malcolm Balfour, Colin Cameron, Graham Campbell, Michael McPake, Alan Moir, Alistair Mackay, 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 Data & Information Team Leader and Alex Scott, Bus Services Manager.

**1. Apologies**

Apologies were submitted from Councillors Marie McGurk, Graham Hardie and Jim Finn 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 24 August 2018 was submitted and approved as a correct record with no matters arising.

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

There was submitted a report (issued) of 18 October 2018 by the Senior Director;

- (a) to report 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) to report on provision of public transport services and facilities in the Partnership area more generally.

After discussion and having heard from Messrs Hoskins and Scott in further explanation and in answer to members' questions, the committee noted the terms of the report.

**5. Subsidised Local Bus Service Contract Recommendations: Financial Implications**

There was submitted a report (issued) of 24 October 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 decrease in costs of £1,296, and agreed to consider this when considering the proposed awards.

**6. Review of Bus Station Charging Structure for Departures and Parking**

There was submitted a report (issued) of 22 October 2018 by the Assistant Chief Executive advising members of:

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- (a) a review and evaluation undertaken of SPT's Bus Station Departure Charging policy, and
- (b) providing details of established outcomes and presenting proposals for an alternative charging policy for consideration.

After consideration and hearing from Mr Wylie in response to members questions, the committee:

- (i) Approved the implementation of a revised charging structure for departures and parking at SPT bus stations effective from April 2019;
- (ii) Approved that the revised charging structure be included for approval in the proposed 2019/20 revenue budget to be presented to the Partnership;
- (iii) Approved bus station departure charges to be subject to an annual increase in line with CPI;
- (iv) Noted that a review of all agreements with Scottish Citylink at Buchanan Bus Station will be undertaken in advance of the 2020 head stance agreement expiry; and
- (v) Noted that consideration of implementing penalty charges at SPT bus stations be reviewed for future financial years, and be reported in more detail at a future Committee.

## **7. Restrictions of Road Use (Road Closures)**

There was submitted a report (issued) of 1 November 2018 by the Assistant Chief Executive to:

- (a) brief the Committee on the volume of promoted restrictions of road use (road closures) instructed by Local Authorities and other agencies within SPT's area, and
- (b) inform of the impact of road closures on the local bus service network and highlight SPT's supporting role in managing these effects.

After significant discussion and hearing from Ms Davidson and Mr Scott in reply to members' questions, and hearing Cllr Campbell express specific concern in relation to bus operators communication with bus users during times of disruption, the committee noted the report.

## **8. Transport Data Information Project**

There was submitted a report (issued) of 17 October 2018 by the Assistant Chief Executive providing the Committee with an update on SPT's Transport Data Information project and keeping members advised of ongoing strategic engagement with operators.

After discussion regarding the planned timescales for the roll out of the project, and hearing from Mr Urquhart in answer to members questions, the committee noted the progress update as outlined in the report.

## **9. Contracts awarded under delegated powers**

There was submitted a report (issued) of 25 October 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.

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The Committee noted the contents of the report.

#### **10. Community Transport Projects: grant funding**

There was submitted a report (issued) of 18 October 2018 by the Senior Director,

- (a) recommending the committee agree to grant fund Community Transport organisations across Strathclyde where the value exceeded the delegated authority, and
- (b) advising the committee of grant funding applications for community transport support which had been approved under delegated authority.

After discussion and consideration, the committee approved the award of grant funding to

- (i) North Area Transport Association to the sum of up to £95,000 for the purchase of one new vehicle used to support the CB1 / CB4 services, and
- (ii) noted the further grant funding awards approved under delegated authority as detailed in the report.

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

After consideration of a report (issued) of 25 October 2018 by the Assistant Chief Executive outlining changes to subsidised local bus services arising from changed market circumstances, the committee noted the amendments to subsidised local bus services, as detailed in the Appendix to the report.

#### **12. Requests for subsidised local bus service contracts**

There was submitted a report (issued) of 25 October 2018 by the Assistant Chief Executive recommending that members note the recent requests for subsidised local bus services, and approving all recommended actions as detailed in the report.

#### **13. Attendance at Transport Conference**

There was submitted and approved a report (issued) of 8 October 2018 by the Assistant Chief Executive recommending the attendance of the Chair and Vice Chair at the forthcoming conference "Next Steps for Transport in Scotland – Infrastructure, Decarbonisation and Economic Growth" in Edinburgh on 20 November 2018.