

## **Strathclyde Partnership for Transport**

### **Minute of Operations Committee**

**30 April 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 30 April 2021

- Present** Councillors David Wilson (Chair), Martin Bartos, Colin Cameron, Graham Campbell, Graham Hardie, Alistair Mackay (Substitute), Alan Moir, Donald Reid and appointed members Greg Beecroft, Jenna Dickson 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; Gary Robertson, Network Analysis & Design Manager and Andrea Thompson, Media & Public Affairs Manager.

The Partnership agreed at its meeting of 12 March 2021, following consideration of Standing Order No 14, for the recording of Committee and Partnership meetings, and that such recordings would be made available together with the minute of meetings.

### 1. Apologies

Apologies were submitted from Councillors Malcolm Balfour, Richard Bell, Marie McGurk, Marie McNair and Michael McPake.

### 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 29 January 2021, having been considered at the Partnership meeting on 12 March 2021, 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 14 April 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 significant discussion and having heard from Mr Wylie, Mr Maclennan, Mr Dickson and Mr Robertson in response to members' questions regarding SPT services, including further explanation and clarification relating to:

- (i) operator compliance and warnings; and
- (ii) SPTs role in ensuring public transport availability and connectivity to vaccine centres in support of the NHS activity,

the Committee noted the details of the report and thanked all staff for their continued efforts to support the NHS in the roll out of the vaccination effort.

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

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 13 April 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, the Committee:

- (i) noted the financial implications of the recommendations in accompanying papers and agreed to give due consideration to this in the course of the decision making; and
- (ii) noted the projected positive variance reported which may require to be utilised later in the financial year to support the regional and local network.

## 6. SPT Covid-19 response (**PRESENTATION ONLY**)

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Mr Kiloh, Mr Smith and Mr Dickson delivered a presentation outlining SPT's Covid-19 response, with a focus on protecting public transport services and users throughout, highlighting the work done to ensure links remained in place for essential journeys.

Following discussion, the Operations Chair agreed the presentation be shared with all Partnership members.

## 7. Transport Scotland Bus Partnership Fund – SPT Support for Bids – progress update

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 9 April 2021 by the Chief Executive:

- (a) informing the Committee of the submission of bids to Transport Scotland's Bus Partnership Fund (BFP) from Glasgow City Region and Ayrshire, and progress in support of Argyll and Bute bid (Helensburgh and Lomond);
- (b) updating the Committee on SPT's involvement in the preparation of the various bids; and
- (c) recommending the Committee approve SPT's support for the bids as submitted, noting that submission was by the deadline of 16 April 2021.

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

- (i) noted the contents of the report; and
- (ii) approved SPT support for the bids outlined in the report and the appendices.

## 8. Proposed award of subsidised local bus service contracts

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 14 April 2021 by the Assistant Chief Executive recommending the Committee approve the award of a number of subsidised local bus service contracts relating to services in Argyll & Bute, East Ayrshire, East Dunbartonshire, East Renfrewshire, Glasgow City, North Ayrshire, North Lanarkshire, Renfrewshire, South Ayrshire, South Lanarkshire and West Dunbartonshire council areas.

After hearing from Mr Dickson, the Committee:

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- (i) agreed the award of the contracts detailed in Appendix 1 of the report, noting the proposed award of contract LS022G is subject to the approval of NHSGGC for a continued 90% funding commitment; and
- (iii) noted that previously awarded contracts 0914L and W039E will be re-tendered in due course.

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

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 14 April 2021 by the Assistant Chief Executive advising the Committee of amendments to subsidised local and MyBus bus service contracts since the last Operations Committee meeting on 29 January 2021.

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

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

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 14 April 2021 by the Assistant Chief Executive recommending the Committee approve grant funding in support of projects provided by Community Transport (CT) operators across the SPT area.

After discussion and having heard from Mr Dickson in response to members' questions, the Committee approved the following grants for the current financial year of 2021/22 and noted that all grants are subject to appropriate governance checks being carried out:

- (i) Grant funding of up to £82,291 to Coalfields Community Transport;
- (ii) Grant funding of up to £530,261 to Community Transport Glasgow;
- (iii) Grant funding of up to £228,944 North Area Transport Association; and
- (iv) Grant funding of up to £100,906 to South Ayrshire Community Transport.

In addition, the Committee noted the following awards had been made under delegated powers:

- (i) Grant funding of up to £25,000 to Ardgowan Hospice;
  - (ii) Grant funding of up to £25,000 to Blantyre Volunteer Ltd;
  - (iii) Grant funding of up to £32,500 to Community Central Halls;
  - (iv) Grant funding of up to £25,000 to Community Transport East Renfrewshire;
  - (v) Grant funding of up to £15,000 to East Kilbride Community Transport;
  - (vi) Grant funding of up to £10,000 to Ferguslie Park Housing Association Ltd;
  - (vii) Grant funding of up to £40,000 to Getting Better Together;
  - (viii) Grant funding of up to £25,000 to Glenboig Development Trust;
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- (ix) Grant funding of up to £48,150 to Larkhall & District Volunteer Group;
- (x) Grant funding of up to £10,000 to Port Glasgow Voluntary Trans-Port Group;
- (xi) Grant funding of up to £8,000 to Renfrewshire Council;
- (xii) Grant funding of up to £48,500 to the Rural Development Trust;
- (xiii) Grant funding of up to £38,560 to South West Community Transport; and
- (xiv) Grant funding of up to £16,020 to West Dunbartonshire Council.

**11. Extension of Infrastructure cleaning contract**

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 20 April 2021 by the Assistant Chief Executive recommending approval of an extension to the bus stop and shelter infrastructure cleaning contract.

After discussion and having heard from Mr Dickson in response to members' questions, the Committee approved the award of the twelve-month extension of the Infrastructure Cleaning contract to Confida FM Ltd up to a value of £317,398.

**12. Broomloan Depot Yard Improvement Works – award of contract**

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 9 April 2021 by the Director of Subway recommending the award of a contract for yard improvement works to XYZ Rail Limited (formerly Stobart Rail).

After discussion and having heard from Mr Smith in response to members' questions, the Committee approved the award of a contract to XYZ Rail Limited for yard improvement works with an overall contract value of up to £275,756.72.

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